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CMVC CONNECTION

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NEW BUDGET CONTAINS MONEY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

The FY 2005 Budget approved by City Council this week contains more than \$13 million to continue work on four neighborhood plans – Broad Creek Renaissance, Southside, Fairmount and Greater Wards Corner. The money will be used to acquire property, replace sewer and water mains, expand Campostella Heights educational resource center, develop Berkley Shopping Center, and other projects. The budget also funds several neighborhood commercial corridor projects.

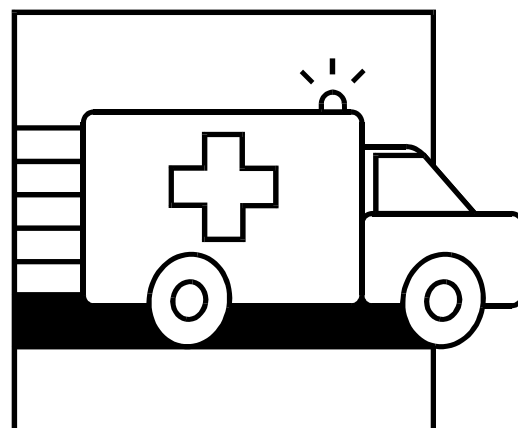
In addition, FY2005 City funds administered by the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Administration total \$19.5 million. This includes \$4 million for housing improvement programs in conservation neighborhoods throughout Norfolk, such as rehabilitation, acquisition, relocation, demolition, planning, site improvement activities. NRHA also administers Norfolk's Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds and projects in non-conservation areas.

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NORFOLK FIRE RESCUE PARTICIPATES IN POLYHEME STUDY

Norfolk Fire Rescue (NFR) has a history of being a leader in the field of emergency medical services (EMS). The Department has been at the cutting edge of employing new treatments and assisting the medical community with research programs designed to improve the care paramedics provide to ill and injured patients.

The tradition of participating in research is continuing as Norfolk Fire Rescue teams up with Eastern Virginia Medical School and Sentara Health Systems to conduct a trial of a fluid that will be administered to trauma patients.



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Using a random selection study protocol paramedics will be administering PolyHeme to some trauma patients who are bleeding and are in shock.

PolyHeme, a fluid manufactured by Northfield Laboratories, Inc of Evanston, Illinois, contains modified hemoglobin from human blood and carries oxygen to the tissues of the body. PolyHeme will potentially increase the survival of severely injured trauma patients, and shows the promise of being better than the normal saline IV fluid that is currently administered by paramedics.

Norfolk was selected, along with EMS systems and trauma centers across the country for the final phase of the study. Phases I and II of the study showed that PolyHeme increased the survival of critical patients that were bleeding and no patient had any sort of adverse reaction to PolyHeme.

Prior to using PolyHeme in the community a public information campaign must take place. Because PolyHeme does contain human blood components some members of the community may have questions about the fluid. Questions from the Norfolk community are encouraged by the researchers and a series of community meetings are being held, civic leagues contacted, and press conference was held.

Tentatively PolyHeme will be placed on the NFR Medic Units in July, following training for the paramedics and the conclusion of the public information campaign.

PolyHeme is a treatment that holds the promise to provide a revolutionary change for trauma patients. To date it has proven to be a safe product that has made a significant impact in saving the lives of trauma patients. Norfolk Fire Rescue is pleased to be involved in this study.

For further information on PolyHeme, the study, or arranging a speaker for your community call Lynn Hopkins James, MSN at 668-4181.

FY2005 BUDGET CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The FY2005 General Fund Budget includes:

- \$283 million for education
- \$54 million for police
- \$33 million for fire-rescue
- \$63 million for human services
- \$33 million for public works
- \$29 for sheriff and detention

The budget also increased the 911 fee to \$2.95 from \$2.85 (the fee helps to fund the essential 911 emergency dispatch system); various fee increases for burial services; fee increases for the rental of civic facilities

HURRICANE ISABEL PROVES IMPORTANCE OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Last September, Hurricane Isabel caused 36 deaths and approximately \$1.9 billion in damages to homes, businesses and public facilities in 100 Virginia jurisdictions. With her destruction still evident in many communities, residents are using lessons learned from Isabel to prepare for the 2004 hurricane season, which extends from June 1 through Nov. 30.

"Hurricane Isabel was one of the state's costliest disasters, causing widespread devastation and disrupting the lives of thousands of Virginians," said Michael Cline, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "Yet, this deadly storm was only a Category 1 hurricane when it reached Virginia. Coastal residents need to be prepared for the possibility that a hurricane stronger than Isabel will make landfall in the Commonwealth."

Anyone who lives or works in a storm surge zone or an area subject to flooding needs to be ready to evacuate, says emergency officials. If an evacuation is not recommended for your area, you should be safe sheltering at home provided that your house is not flood-prone and has been fortified against wind damage. "As we saw with Isabel, anyone riding out the storm at home should plan for the loss of power, telephone, water or other utilities for at least a week," adds Cline.

THE FOLLOWING ARE TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR THIS YEAR'S HURRICANE SEASON

Before the Storm

- Know your risk. Find out if your home is in the storm surge-flooding zone. Information on flood zones can be found on the City website at <http://gis.norfolk.gov>, in the Government Documents section of Kirn Memorial Library, or by calling the Planning Department, 664-4752.
- Identify where to go if you are told to evacuate and the safest route to get there. Remember some roads may be closed during the emergency. Choose several places — a friend's home in another town, a motel or a shelter. Remember, public shelters and many motels don't allow pets in their facilities.
- Get ready for a possible power outage by gathering a minimum one-week supply of foods that doesn't require refrigeration or cooking, such as canned goods, as well as bottled water, flashlights with extra batteries, a first-aid kit and battery-



powered or crank radio. If you need to evacuate, make sure you can consolidate these items into a portable "go" kit, like a backpack or duffel bag.

- Consider purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio for National Weather Service reports and severe weather warnings.
- Re-check your supply of plywood, tools, batteries, tarps and plastic sheeting for roof repairs.
- Cut dead trees and limbs that could fall on your home.
- Consider retrofitting your garage door by installing horizontal bracing onto each door panel. High winds that enter through the garage can blow out doors, windows, walls and even the roof.
- Make sure you have a current flood insurance policy (not typically part of a homeowner's policy). A 30-day waiting period is generally required to purchase flood insurance, so take time now to visit your insurance agent to learn more.
- Take pictures of your property before the storm to help validate your claim and remember to take your policies and photographs with you if you need to evacuate. (or, if remaining, either mail your documents to a relative out-of-town or store in waterproof container.

When a Hurricane is Approaching

- Norfolk will provide regular updates on the recorded Citizens Information Line: 664-7200. This line will also be staffed 24 hours a day once Norfolk is placed under a Hurricane Warning.
- Also, listen to your local radio and TV stations or check the City's website www.norfolk.gov for updated storm information. A hurricane watch means possible danger. If the danger increases, a Hurricane Warning will be issued.
- If you have space in your refrigerator or freezer, consider filling plastic containers with water, leaving about an inch of space inside each one. (Remember, water expands as it freezes, so it is important to leave room in the container for the expanded water). Don't use glass containers, they can break. Place the containers in the refrigerator and freezer. This chilled or frozen water will help keep food cold for several hours if the power goes out.
- Fill your bathtub with water to use for toilet flushing in case water services are unavailable following the storm.

- Bring in garbage cans, lawn furniture and other items that could blow away and cause damage.
- Fill your car's gas tank. Gas stations may be closed for some time after the storm. Prepare to evacuate if told to do so. Assemble your important papers and disaster kit.

During the Storm

- If you were not advised to evacuate, plan to remain indoors and away from windows for the duration of the storm, which may be several hours.
- Remember that conditions can deteriorate rapidly. Roads may be flooded or blocked. Emergency crews may not be able to respond during the worst part of the storm.
- If necessary, seek refuge in an interior, windowless room. Cover yourself with pillows or a blanket to protect you from falling debris. Do not try to go outside – wind-born debris during a hurricane can severely injure or kill you.

After the Storm

- Listen to your local radio stations or call the Citizen Information Line 664-7200 for official disaster relief information and instructions.
- Prepare to be without power, telephone or any outside services for a week or more.
- Watch out for downed power lines, weakened structures, rodents and snakes, and avoid standing water. Do Not light any fires or candles unless you are certain there is no gas leak.
- Avoid drinking tap water unless officials say it is safe to do so. Eat only foods you are absolutely sure are safe.
- Be extra careful when handling power tools, gas lanterns and matches. Avoid using candles as a light source. Deadly fires can result.
- Operate generators outdoors only in a well-ventilated, dry area, away from air intakes to the home. Never use a generator indoors or in attached garages. Poor ventilation can result in carbon monoxide poisoning or death.
- Do not operate electrical switches or appliances that have been subjected to flood water or rain until checked by an electrician.
- Be careful when driving after the storm. Roads may be blocked and many intersections will be without power.

- Check to see if a business or City facility is open before venturing out. Businesses may not be able to re-open right away and City services may have been relocated to another site or temporarily unavailable because workers are busy with storm-recovery activities.

NEW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TOOLS FOR VIRGINIANS

Virginia Is First State To Adopt StargazerNET Readylinks

Virginians now have a new way to stay in touch and maintain access to critical news and health and safety information during and after an emergency.

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is the first state in the nation to adopt StargazerNET ReadyLinks™, a Web-based solution to help people, families, groups and organizations be prepared for any kind of disaster or emergency. These simple-to-use tools are available on VDEM's Web site at

<http://www.vaemergency.com/prepare/>.

Virginia residents can set up their own secure, personalized place on the Web where they can find information and communicate with others in the event of an emergency, and can create their own personal communications plans.

"From hurricanes to terrorism, Virginians may be exposed to many different types of emergencies and we strongly recommend that everyone prepare a family communications plan," said Michael Cline, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "We believe that StargazerNET ReadyLinks give families easy-to-use tools to help them in developing that plan. Partnering with the Stargazer Foundation enables us to provide these capabilities to all Virginians at no cost."

ReadyLink types include: FamilyLinks™ (small groups), BusinessLinks™ (organizations or work groups), SchoolLinks™ (any body of students) and CommunityLinks™ (community response). Each type of ReadyLink has a corresponding communications plan available for families, businesses, schools and communities.

These tools are accessible via any Web browser, including public access points such as libraries. VDEM's early adoption of this homeland security tool will also serve as a model for other states.

The StargazerNET ReadyLinks program is offered free of charge by the Stargazer Foundation, a Virginia-based nonprofit dedicated to providing technology and communications solutions for public and nonprofit uses. ReadyLinks supply private places on the Web for people and groups to have their own secure message boards and conference rooms, where they can communicate online to inform each other of their status in the aftermath of any incident. ReadyLinks also afford access to vital media and government information, as well as personalized local information, all from one convenient location. Communications templates for emergency planning can be downloaded, filled out and saved on your own personal computer or printed, filled out and distributed to all group members.

"While the government has a significant role in addressing our nation's preparedness, each one of us is also responsible for securing our families, our homes, our organizations and our communities against threats and acts of terrorism," said Arthur Bushkin, Chairman and CEO of the Stargazer Foundation. "We believe ReadyLinks can be an integral part of the nation's overall emergency preparedness planning by empowering families, groups and communities to take their own steps on their own behalf. Improving access to information and communications can make a big difference in providing for the safety of family members and communities, and for instilling the sense of comfort we all require."

DISASTER RECOVERY COSTS REACH \$32.8 MILLION

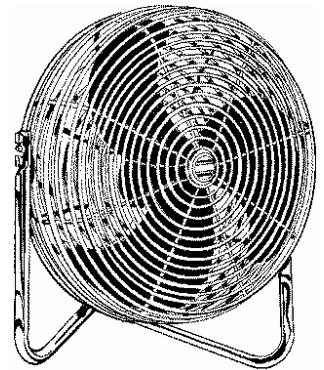
The total cost incurred to date for recovery from Hurricane Isabel is \$32.8 million. This includes approximately \$4 million associated with beach replenishment (the City is working with its federal legislative delegation to appeal a Federal Emergency Management Assistance decision that this cost is not reimbursable). \$27.9 million of these costs are considered reimbursable by the State or federal government.

It is estimated that an additional \$4 million in costs will be obligated for clean up and to restore central disposal sites and other final debris cleanup costs. Another \$824,701 will be spent in street, sidewalk and drainage repairs in fiscal 2005.

COOLING ASSISTANCE

Applications for Cooling Assistance will be accepted June 15 through August 16. The Cooling Assistance Program was designed to assist low-income families with their cooling needs. Per household, Cooling Assistance can help pay for the following:

- Fan repairs
- Repairs to one central air conditioning unit or heat pump
- Electric bills
- One portable fan
- One air conditioning unit
- One ceiling fan and installation.



Applications are limited to one member per household and require a signature to be valid. For more information on the Cooling Assistance Program and income eligibility requirements call 664-7570 or pick up an application at any Norfolk Department of Human Services location.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER, EARN FREE EVENT TICKETS AT THE ATTUCKS THEATRE

The Crispus Attucks Cultural Center, Inc. (CACC) invites you to join its team as a volunteer at the historic Attucks Theatre. The Attucks Theatre on Church Street was a thriving showplace for 34 years, hosting an impressive repertoire of artists including Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, Dizzie Gillespie, Sarah Vaughn and many other legendary performers. In addition to concerts, the Attucks showcased movies, vaudeville and live theatre. Its Friday night, local talent competitions community through its adjoining professional office complex, resident educational programs and were a thrill for performers and audiences alike. The Attucks also serviced the civic activities. Today, this facility is a state and national historic landmark.

With doors closing in the 1950's, the Attucks has been dark for nearly 50 years. But now, after an impressive restoration and building expansion spearheaded by the partnership of the CACC, the City of Norfolk and the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA), the lights are shining brightly at this venue once again. The CACC is happy to announce that ***the Attucks Theatre is back, and it's beautiful!*** The grand opening celebration kicks off in October 2004. Volunteers at the Attucks can choose to serve as: Ushers, Ticket Takers, Docents/Tour Guides/History Interpreters, Administrative Assistants or Technical Assistants

For their service, volunteers will be awarded **free tickets to events at the Attucks Theatre, Scope, Chrysler Hall and other facilities.** Volunteers must have good customer relation skills, an interest in the performing arts and an ability to stand for an extended period of time. Technical Assistants should have the ability to lift and move sound, light and other equipment. Prior volunteer experience is desirable but not essential, as a comprehensive orientation and training program will be provided. Persons from high school age through senior citizens will find enriching volunteer opportunities at the Attucks Theatre.

Please respond by June 4, 2004. To request an application and/or additional information, please call Gail Easley at (757) 664-6966 or email gae6159@aol.com.

INDEPENDENCE AIR INTRODUCES NEW LOW-FARE SERVICE FROM NORFOLK

Independence Air announced today it has chosen Norfolk International Airport (ORF) as one of its 35 summer launch destinations with new low-fare service scheduled to begin June 23rd. The schedule begins with six daily non-stop flights to Washington Dulles International Airport, and quickly grows to 8 flights by July 1. Connections to 33 cities will also be available by later this summer.

One-way fares to Washington range from \$39 to \$92. The Independence Air hub at Washington Dulles will be the largest low-fare hub in America this summer -- with 300 daily departures. In addition to non-stop service from Norfolk to Washington starting June 23rd, by later this summer Independence Air will also offer a schedule of one-stop

connections to 33 destinations, including Albany (NY), Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Burlington (VT), Charleston (SC), Charleston (WV) Chicago, Cleveland, Columbia (SC), Columbus (OH), Dayton, Detroit, Greensboro (NC), Greenville/Spartanburg (SC), Hartford, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Knoxville, Lansing, Louisville, Manchester (NH), Nashville, Newark, New York (JFK), Pittsburgh, Portland (ME), Providence, Rochester (NY), Savannah, Stewart/Newburgh (NY), Syracuse and White Plains (NY).

CONSORTIUM FUNDING NEARS \$12 MILLION MARK

In its 17th year of funding, the Business Consortium for Arts Support recently awarded \$881,250 for general operating support to 35 regional arts and cultural groups. As members of the Consortium, 28 businesses and foundations contribute at least \$6,000 annually to the Consortium, which uses the funds to help pay cultural groups' operating expenses. Every dollar of the members' contributions goes directly to arts and cultural organizations.

Since its inception, the Consortium has contributed nearly \$12 million to arts organizations that regularly perform or exhibit in the south Hampton Roads area. The Chrysler Museum and the Virginia Stage Company have each received more than \$1 million; the Virginia Opera and the Virginia Symphony, more than \$2 million.

In 2004 the Consortium awarded 76 percent of its funds to the region's largest arts organizations: The Chrysler Museum, the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, The Virginia Opera, The Virginia Stage Company and The Virginia Symphony. Six percent of the funds were awarded to organizations that work exclusively with children: Bay Youth Orchestras, The Hurrah Players, Theatre IV, Virginia Children's Chorus and Young Audiences of Virginia. First time recipients are Commonwealth Theatre Company and TodiMusicFest.

The Business Consortium for Arts Support is a nonprofit organization founded in 1987 by area businesses and foundations to broaden the base of support for local arts groups. Overhead for the Consortium is paid entirely by The Norfolk Foundation, which also provides a major grant to the Consortium's art fund. Each year the Consortium gives funds for operating expenses to selected arts organizations that apply for funding. For many nonprofit groups, the Consortium is their single largest sources of unearned income.

TUESDAYS ARE BACK AT THE CHRYSLER MUSEUM

After nearly four years, Norfolk's Chrysler Museum of Art will again be open on Tuesdays thanks to a \$25,000 tourism grant from the city.

The museum formally applied for a TOPs—Tourism Opportunities—grant last fall after officials at the museum recognized it was missing out on the potential tourism trade that the city hopes its blossoming cruise industry will bring.

The TOPs program, the brainchild of Norfolk city manager Regina Williams, is designed to increase the number of new and repeat tourists to the city—and increase the amount of money they spend when they're here.

Cruise ships arrive here on Tuesdays and officials from Norfolk's Convention and Visitors Bureau work hard to market local attractions, such as the museum, said Rick Salzberg, the museum's public-relations director. Unfortunately, the cruise passengers arrive to find the museum closed, he said.

"We risked alienating the people on a Tuesday that we worked so hard to woo," Salzberg said. "There are a lot of Tuesdays."

State budget cuts forced the Chrysler to close on Tuesdays in fall 2000, but the grant money will enable the museum to be open from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from May 4 until October 26. The city expects more than 150,000 passengers and crew will visit Norfolk on at least 60 scheduled port calls this year, about three times the number since the museum ceased its Tuesday opening.

The museum has increased admission rates and reduced staff hours over recent years. At least four full-time employees were laid off last year to cut costs, but it does not expect to employ additional personnel as a result of the change in operating hours.

The Chrysler employs about 100 full-time and part-time workers and attracts about 250,000 visitors a year.

The museum will remain closed on Mondays.

But while the new opening hours are designed to attract visitors from the cruise ships, Tuesdays will be open to everyone, Salzberg said. "We're pegging the marketing to the cruise lines, but the good news is everybody can enjoy this additional time at the Chrysler."

HOK SPORTS VISITS NORFOLK

HOK Sports, the architectural firm that designed Harbor Park, were in town recently. Because Norfolk remains on Major League Baseball's (MLB) short list of potential relocation sites, it is important that the City understand the implications of design and construction for both a temporary and permanent facility. HOK presented concepts of expanding Harbor Park to meet MLB's needs as a temporary venue for two years of home baseball dates. These items include: defining seating capacity, press areas, administrative offices, and clubhouse accommodations for players.

Time was also spent with HOK representatives on the proposed site for the new stadium location at Harbor Park. This meeting was designed to be a preliminary session to explore concepts; therefore, actual design, engineering and reliable cost estimates were not part of the session.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENTS TAKING SHAPE

Plans are well under way for the 2004 celebration of National Night Out. Special events this year include:

- A City-wide Picnic planned July 31, 2004 at Lakewood Park. Games, informational displays, food, and entertainment will also be featured. Unfortunately due to budget restraints, the Navy will be prevented from partnering with the City this year, but hopes are that the Navy will return its partnership with this event next year.
- All neighborhoods of Norfolk along with city departments and other organizations are invited to attend the National Night Out Community Parade on Monday, August 2, 2004. Civic Leagues were encouraged to apply to become the “Honored Neighborhood” of the parade. This year, the neighborhood is Ballentine; in 2005, the honored neighborhood is Villa Heights.
- ALL neighborhoods are encouraged to host a neighborhood event between July 31 and August 7, 2004.

For more information about World Changers and National Night Out activities, call 441-2400 for details.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION ON CITY’S WATCH LIST

Federal transportation monies are a major source of funding for City and VDOT road projects. The reauthorization of a new surface transportation highway program (TEA-LU) remains mired in a situation where both chambers of Congress seek to settle with White House officials over the bottom-line funding level for the six-year bill. Meanwhile, Congress has passed the third extension of the current surface transportation programs (TEA-21) for sixty days. Decisions on appropriate funding for the six-year bill reauthorization remains at a stalemate and attempts to reconcile them are now underway. A Senate version of the new six year funding authorization calls for \$319 billion; the House version seeks \$283 billion; while the White House seeks to limit funding at just \$256 billion over six years.

Another major issue of interest to Norfolk as well as cities throughout the nation is the proposed moratorium on Internet taxes. The National League of Cities estimated that passage of the original Senate Bill 150 (sponsored by Senator George Allen), which sought a permanent ban of Internet taxation would cost \$9 billion in lost taxes to municipal and state governments. The compromise bill passed by the Senate resulted in the bill being amended. The new bill places a four-year ban on all types of Internet access taxes including: service through cable-television lines as well as high-speed

service over telephone lines known as DSL. Telephone service, regardless of medium, will remain subject to taxation by states & localities, even those migrating to and provided through the "Voice Over the Internet Technology (VOIP)."

Reconciliation of the Senate's bill with the House, which passed a permanent ban last September, remains to be worked out in conference committee in the near future. Senate actions this week will allow the city, along with others, time to assess the impact of permanent legislation on local revenues, particularly as they relate to emerging Internet technologies.

"NO WAKE" ZONE FOR PRETTY LAKE

The City recently conducted an evaluation to determine the need for the establishment of "no wake" zones along the main channel and in the ancillary channel of Pretty Lake. This evaluation was done at the request of residents living along the south side of Pretty Lake.

The results of the evaluation, which was conducted by Public Works and Storm Water Division staff, has lead to a decision in declaring the section of Pretty Lake identified by the residents as a "no wake" zone. This decision is in accordance with Section 25.2-177 of the City Code and is based on the problems associated with the erosion of the banks and safety factors surrounding major boating piers in the area.

The City is now in the process of requesting that the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries formally approve the "no wake" zone. The City, as part of this process, must also notify the Coast Guard that the "no wake" zone is being established. It is anticipated that all of these steps will be completed in June. Please note that the state will provide enforcement of the "no wake" zone with the City responsible for placement and maintenance of buoys or markers.



NEW GREATER DOWNTOWN NORFOLK DEVELOPMENT SET TO BEGIN

The City has launched one of the largest and most ambitious urban renewal initiatives in the history of the old seaport town.

The demolition of Dixie Manufacturing signals the start of the revitalization of Atlantic City. The red-brick buildings on Colley Avenue near Front Street on the banks of the Elizabeth River have been vacant for more than 10 years.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, however, Dixie Manufacturing was one of the best known business establishments in Atlantic City. At one time the company owned 40 cotton gins in several states.

In 1890 when the City annexed the area, Atlantic City was already a thriving working class community. For the majority of its residents, Atlantic City was a prime example of a commerce-driven community which developed around places of employment.

Many of the structures in Atlantic City were razed during the 1950s as part of a massive urban renewal program administered by the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Fort Norfolk district has been designed as an urban waterfront village. The development will include a marina, luxury hotel, commercial and retail space and residential units. Fort Norfolk will represent the long-awaited link between Ghent, the regional medical center and Downtown Norfolk. In fact, the construction of Fort Norfolk will nearly double the size of the downtown area.

On the site of Dixie Manufacturing, construction is scheduled to begin early next year on Fort Norfolk's first major development. Mayor Paul Fraim said Harbor's Edge, a \$95 million, 17-story project, will be the city's first continuous care retirement community.

"Harbor's Edge will be a place where people who have contributed so much to the growth and prosperity of Norfolk can spend their richly deserved retirement years in the city that they love," Mayor Fraim said. "It will be convenient to the medical center and the amenities being offered by a vibrant and exciting downtown area."

"The Fort Norfolk redevelopment initiative has received a tremendous amount of attention in national development circles," commented Rod Woolard, Director of Development for the City. "Exciting changes are ahead reflecting the City's long-term vision and planning for its future."

COX COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CABLE SYSTEM

Cox Communications, the franchised provider of cable services, has announced that its broadband division will provide two new enhancements to improve high speed Internet service for Norfolk residents. The two new services are designed to protect users accessing the internet from spam and viruses.

The matrix below provides an overview of the two services:

Spam Filtering	Anti-virus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optional spam filtering of Cox.net e-mail via member services.• Various levels of control that allow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scanning and cleaning e-mail sent to customers to remove attachments that contain identified, destructive viruses.

customers to choose between complete elimination of the spam messages or flagging of suspect messages, such that they are easily identifiable as potential spam. Customers can then review flagged messages to decide for themselves if it is spam.	Customers receive an automated message stating that an infected attachment was removed from their e-mail. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In instances when a virus-containing attachment cannot be removed, the e-mail will not be delivered. Customers will instead receive an automated message stating that an e-mail message was not delivered due to a virus.
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Cox is offering these services beginning this month at no additional charge to its customers.

NORFOLK TO ADDRESS FAIR HOUSING ACT ISSUES

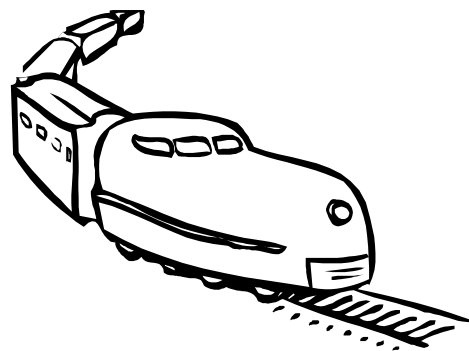
The Fair Housing Act celebrates its 36th anniversary this year. Norfolk along with the other cities in our region recently presented the regional Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development with the completed Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments.

There were three impediments identified in the report for the City of Norfolk. The Planning Department will review a zoning ordinance to address one impediment concerning group homes for the elderly in an effort to ensure easier accommodations, definitions and standards are accomplished.

The other two impediments focus on education of residents and businesses on Fair Housing/Rights. The City will undertake a special effort to incorporate an outreach program for public housing residents by working in collaboration with NRHA to address these impediments.

LIGHT RAIL PROJECT UPDATE

Federal Transit Administrator Jenna Dorn visited Norfolk on April 7, touring the area by helicopter and bus. The tour was followed by a luncheon scheduled at the Town Point Club hosted by the Greater Norfolk Council and the Downtown Norfolk Council. Congressman Bobby Scott, among many other elected officials, and dignitaries were in attendance. The Administrator finished her day by visiting with officials from the City of Virginia Beach at the



Town Center building.

Although the Administrator gave no indication as to the exact date for approval of the Norfolk Light Rail Transit project, she made many encouraging remarks regarding the redevelopment activities the City has undertaken in downtown and noted that she will direct her staff to quickly resolve any remaining technical issues.

Hampton Roads Transit worked with Dorn's staff members to review their concerns related to the definition of the Baseline alternative and the bus operations at both the western and eastern termini. HRT is also continuing work on responding to FTA comments related to the draft FEIS document. It is expected that revised FEIS will be ready for FTA by June 2004. Follow-up meetings with FTA staff in Washington DC will be scheduled in April and May. HRT still expects to clear the NEPA environmental process and obtain a Record of Decision in the June/July timeframe.

EDGE MANAGEMENT

- Old Dominion University initiated a University-Community Security Task Force, consisting of University, ODU Public Safety, City of Norfolk, landlords, and adjacent neighborhood representatives to review and provide recommendations —on safety, security, and crime prevention measures on the Old Dominion campus and in the surrounding communities. The Task Force has met and is developing both short- and long-term recommendations.

NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN SEARCHES FOR FAMILIES AND DESCENDANTS OF DEPRESSION-ERA WORKERS

In an effort to accurately preserve and commemorate the rich history of Norfolk Botanical Garden, the Garden is in search of families and descendants of Depression-era WPA (Works Progress Administration) workers to participate in an oral, historical documentation of the story of how this community treasure was started. The project is being done in cooperation with the Ruffner Academy Community Problem Solving Team.

In 1938, after Norfolk City Manager Thomas P. Thompson secured a grant from the WPA to hire the workers, 200 African American women and men initiated the daunting task of clearing some 25-acres of tree-filled swampland to plant some 4000 azaleas.

The women are all believed to have died, however the Garden is in search of families or decedents with connections to these women who are willing to be interviewed for an oral history to collect a more accurate and complete history of the amazing contribution these women have made to Norfolk Botanical Garden. Many of the azaleas that were planted some 60 years ago are still thriving in the Garden today.

These oral histories are an essential first step in the effort for the Garden to establish an official commemoration to these women who were so integral in the creation of what is now a 155-acre Garden that continues to grow and thrive.

If anyone has any information or contacts regarding the WPA workers, please contact Ann Parsons, Director of Education at Norfolk Botanical Garden at 757-441-5830 ext. 335 or ann.parsons@nbgs.org. 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, Va. 23518

RISE 1 ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS – NEW PROPOSAL

- On April 7, Norfolk State University representatives presented to staff an analysis of the Brambleton and Park Avenue intersection together with a list of improvements they proposed to have constructed on a schedule designed to precede or accompany the opening, now anticipated to occur in 2006, of the RISE 1 building.
- The proposed improvements would change the cross section of Brambleton Avenue to install medians to facilitate safe pedestrian crossing of this heavily traveled roadway, upgrade pedestrian crosswalks at the intersection, add new and improved signalization and add turn lanes at certain locations. While benefiting the RISE 1 project, there is also the advocacy that travel through the intersection would be improved upon the completion of the proposed improvements. The Departments of Public Works and Planning and Community Development have the proposal under analysis.
- The proposal anticipates that the cost of the proposed package of improvements would be about \$1.6 million when all costs are included. The possible need for this level of funding for this activity was not previously identified.

DEADLINE IS JUNE 1 FOR APPLICATIONS FOR REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR DISABLED OR SENIOR CITIZENS

Norfolk's Commissioner of the Revenue, Sharon M. McDonald, is now accepting applications for Real Estate Tax Relief for Senior and/or Disabled Norfolk Citizens.

The Real Estate Tax Relief for Disabled or Senior Citizens offers to help reduce or eliminate the real estate taxes for qualifying disabled or senior citizen homeowners. The exemption is granted on an annual basis. Over 2,500 households were offered real estate tax relief in 2003. To qualify for Real Estate Tax Relief:

- You must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled;

- You must live in the property to be exempted;
- Your combined income of owners and all relatives living in home cannot exceed \$34,450 per year; and
- Your net worth, exclusive of the home, cannot exceed \$100,000.

Representatives will be at various satellite sites throughout the City of Norfolk to provide assistance in filling out the applications. Please call 441-1502 for dates and times. The deadline to submit applications is June 1.

To receive an application or for more information, contact program coordinator Carolyn Lawrence at (757) 441-1502, or Sharon M. McDonald, Commissioner of the Revenue, at (757) 441-2987. Citizens may also visit the Real Estate Tax Relief office in the Norfolk Skills Center, 922 W. 21st St. Information, including application forms, is also available at the Commissioner of the Revenue website

<http://www.norfolk.gov/Revenue>.

CITY UPDATES

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

Hampton Partnership Brings Seventh Graders to Chrysler. Special thanks are extended to the Hampton Arts Commission and the City of Hampton for supporting a custom-designed program in March and April for seventh graders from Hampton City Schools. Museum docents led a tour highlighting American history and engaged the students with a gallery booklet.

The Chrysler is pleased to continue providing grade-level programming for students in Chesapeake, supported by the Chesapeake Arts Commission; Norfolk, supported by Norfolk Public Schools; and Corporate Landing Middle School in Virginia Beach, a school partner.

Campaign for the Future Construction Update. If you have visited the Chrysler lately, you can not have failed to notice that renovation work is in full swing. Thanks to generous gifts to the Museum's *Campaign for the Future*, construction began in early April on the new George M. and Linda H. Kaufman Theatre and on The Norfolk Foundation Art Education Center.

The creation of the 366-seat Kaufman Theatre will provide the Museum with a beautiful and state-of-the-art space for lectures, films, and educational programs and as well an elegant venue for musical and theatrical performances by community groups. Completion is scheduled for December 2004.

The Norfolk Foundation Art Education Center will bring together in a single interior campus education department offices, a renovated Diamonstein Workshop (home for the Museum's expanded program of studio art classes), an enhanced Gifford Seminar Room, and a new gallery for the display of artwork by young people throughout Hampton Roads.

Outside the Museum work has begun on the creation of Mary's Garden a lovely new oasis and program space on the west side of the building and soon we will begin the process of converting the historic Willoughby-Baylor House in downtown Norfolk into a new museum of regional history.

Unavoidably all of this construction will result in a certain amount of disruption and some closed gallery spaces; and we ask for our visitors' patience and understanding.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Substance Abuse Jail Services—the Board's "Secret Service". Norfolk Community Services Board has an excellent program the public knows little about. These services have long been known to Norfolk's judges and to the people who need them, and today we are letting everyone else in on the good news about Norfolk CSB's Substance Abuse Jail Services.

What is no secret is that jails are filled with people in need of substance abuse treatment. Some statistics tell us that nearly 80% of all crime is drug-related. When Norfolk CSB's Jail Services began in 1990, the first jail case manager was hired to screen inmates for transfer to residential programs outside the jail, which meant that judges were forced to choose between incarceration and treatment in these cases. It was clear that another option needed to be developed.

December 5, 1994 marked the beginning of **Freedom Within**, the Board's first treatment program on-site at the jail. This cellblock-based therapeutic community for men was structured as a 90-day intensive experience, providing education about issues surrounding addiction, daily group therapy, self-assessment, individual counseling, and exposure to self-help groups. The hallmark of therapeutic communities (and most other residential programs) is the preparation and presentation of the Life Story. Inmates write a detailed history and autobiography that documents the harmful consequences of their addiction to them and their significant others.

Today, Carl Brockett—who has been with the program since its inception—oversees the treatment of the 18-bed cellblock program five days a week. Programming continues on the weekends, run by the cellblock "community" itself. Today, the program

is 90 days plus, and completion of the individual treatment plan is the basis for discharge to the general jail population, rather than just “serving” 90 days.

While Freedom Within served the male jail population during the mid-90’s, a weekly “outpatient” group therapy session served the females. The women were together for one weekly session, but otherwise were dispersed throughout the female jail population. The jail soon requested intensive services for the women in jail, too.

Bridges to Freedom accepted it’s first inmates on October 1, 1997. This cellblock-based therapeutic community for women provides an intensive experience and follows the structure of the men’s program.

Today, Counselor Marla Newby—who has also been with the program since its inception—oversees the treatment of this 18-bed cellblock program. The program lasts 3 to 6 months, and completion of the individual treatment plan is the basis for discharge to the general jail population. The longer stay has proven to be more effective for a large part of the population.

Jail Case Manager Michael Clark plays an integral role in the treatment process, concentrating on aftercare and assisting with transition to the community. He helps both male and female inmates focus on long-term goals and arranges for transition services back into the community, which is vital to continuing recovery.

Aftercare may include transfer to one of the Board’s outpatient treatment programs, housing, clothing, job search, obtaining an identification card, and medical services. Appointments are frequently made to the Board’s outpatient programs, Medical Services Unit, and shelter programs.

Yes, Substance Abuse Services are available at the Norfolk City Jail. Dedicated Norfolk CSB staff work there with a difficult population. The goals of correction and security often provide a challenging environment for treatment.

FINANCE

Commonwealth’s Deputy Secretary of Finance Selected as New Budget Director.

Marcus Jones, the current Deputy Secretary of Finance for the Commonwealth of Virginia is the City’s new Budget Director. Marcus served in the Secretary of Finance office under two governors - Governor Gilmore and now Governor Warner. Marcus is a graduate of James Madison University and has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. Marcus brings with him tremendous leadership skills, outstanding analytical skills and a wealth of knowledge regarding finance, budgeting and program evaluation.

Marcus has also worked for the state as a Senior Legislative Analyst for the nationally recognized Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC), where he conducted examinations of a broad range of programs and operations in state agencies and he worked in the State Office of Planning and Budget.

HUMAN SERVICES

Recognizing excellence - Director Clark Earl recently presented Clara Smith, Social Worker II, with the DHS Citizenship Award in recognition of her personal commitment, dedication, and performance. Clara specializes in assisting single adults with the Homeless Action Response Team (H.A.R.T.). And for the past two years she has served as coordinator and as the department's staff support to the Mayor's Citizen's Advisory Group. In that role, Clara has helped facilitate the meetings, provided the group with research and information, and worked with them to develop focus and priorities. The Advisory Group's report on Homelessness, presented to the Mayor and City Council on February 2, 2004, was described by Mayor Paul D. Fraim as the "most professional and comprehensive report I have received in 20 years from a citizen's group." This glowing accolade was, in no small part, due to Clara's work and support.

Mayor Fraim thanked and acknowledged Clara and her efforts at the City Council meeting and again during the State of the City Address. Clara Smith works hard for the city's homeless adults, with very few financial resources. She diligently networks with all the agencies in the city to create a patchwork of services for "her people."

FOSTER CARE

Seeking Foster & Adoptive Parents

During May 2004, the Norfolk Department of Human Services highlighted the good works of long-serving foster parents and continued to stress the ever-growing need for families to consider fostering and/or adopting children in need of a warm, stable, and loving home. Currently, there are more than 400 children in the Norfolk foster care system.

Mayor Paul D. Fraim formally proclaimed May as Foster Care Month in the City of Norfolk on May 11, 2004 and acknowledged the exemplary service of three Norfolk foster parents; Virginia Turner, who has fostered 127 children over 38 years, Marion White, who has cared for 28 children for 38 years, and Edith Voight, who, for 46 years, opened her home to 107 children as a Norfolk foster parent.

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent or adopting a child, don't delay. Right now, a child is waiting for a place to call home. Training sessions for foster and adoptive parents are held throughout the year at the Norfolk Department of Human Services, 220 W. Brambleton Ave. To learn more, please call Nancy Brock with HomeFinders at 757-664-6079.

A New Resource for the Disabled and Their Caregivers. The Norfolk Commission for Persons with Disabilities has new brochures available to citizens or organizations in need of new and updated resource information. The Commission's goal is to increase awareness of disability issues, develop laws affecting disabled citizens, ensure that all

facilities are accessible to citizens with disabilities, promote employment opportunities, and assist with public transportation.

The Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Senior Center, 924 W. 21st St. Meetings are open to the public. For more information or to order brochures, contact the Norfolk Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 625-5857 or the Norfolk Department of Human Services, Public Information and Education at 664-6020.

Child Abuse Prevention Flyers. The Norfolk Department of Human Services just completed a month-long promotion on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, which included the distribution of more than 21,000 informational flyers throughout Norfolk and Hampton Roads. The flyers contain information on how to recognize the signs of abuse, helpful tips and resources for stressed-out parents, and phone numbers to report suspected child mistreatment.

The agency extends its sincerest appreciation to Chanello's Pizza, Zero's Submarines, and Cogans, which supported the cause by included flyers with all their orders and/or deliveries throughout the month of April. And although April is specially designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month, these flyers are available year-round. If your company or organization would like to help get the word out about Child Abuse Prevention, contact Jan Callaghan at 664-6020, or Cori Waddington, at 664-6108.

ACCESS- Online Prescreening for Public Assistance. The Norfolk Department of Human Services offers an easy, convenient, and discreet way for Norfolk citizens to determine whether they may qualify for public assistance benefits. The online program – called ACCESS – allows individuals to anonymously screen themselves for a variety of federal, state and local assistance programs based on their family size and income. ACCESS prescreens for the following assistance programs:

- Child Care Assistance
- Energy Assistance
- Emergency Assistance
- FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan)
- Food Stamps
- General Relief
- Lifeline
- Medicaid
- Refugee Resettlement Program
- SLH (State and Local Hospitalization)
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Auxiliary Grants



ACCESS is available on the City of Norfolk website at www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening. All 12 of the Norfolk Public Library's branch locations offer free public Internet access and librarians are available to assist citizens in navigating the site. Informational brochures are available to local agencies, centers, churches and civic organizations at no cost. Please contact Jan Callaghan, Programs Manager for Public Information and Education, at 757-664-6020 for more information.

Combating Domestic Violence. The Norfolk Department of Human Services has initiated a campaign to get valuable information to those at risk of or victimized by domestic violence. The effort involves the strategic placement of Safety Cards – miniature brochures containing information for victims about who to call in an emergency, where to go for confidential counseling, and how to create a “safety plan” for themselves and their children.

Safety Cards are available at more than 70 locations throughout Norfolk, including businesses, community centers and other public locations. Businesses are encouraged to place the cards in their restrooms, foyers, or other locations where customers may discreetly pick them up.

Businesses wishing to participate in the effort may obtain Domestic Violence Safety Cards by contacting Brenda Fulkerson, Public Information Assistant, at 664-3242, or Jan Callaghan, Program Manager for Public Information and Education, at 664-6020. jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov

Child Care Program. The Norfolk Department of Human Services' Child Care Program aids eligible families in the arrangement and/or purchase of childcare for their children. The program helps promote; parental choice and consumer education, activities to enhance health and safety standards established by the state, and activities to increase and enhance childcare and early childhood development. To determine eligibility for Child Care is easy as 1,2 or 3.

1. Apply at any of the local department agencies
2. Call the information line at 664-6175
3. Go online at www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening. NDHS' program ACCESS allows everyone to determine eligibility for childcare or any other program with the click of the mouse.

Norfolk Food Stamp Employment and Training Program Team Outreach. In partnership with Empowerment 1020 used the parking lot of the WalMart on Military Highway to reach out to people in need of public assistance. Throughout the day, eligibility staff promoted the benefits of receiving assistance through Child Care, Food

Stamp, Medicaid and Center for Aging programs. In addition, social workers were on hand to encourage interest and field questions from potential foster and adoptive parents.

The staff was able to reach out to people in the community that would not have necessarily inquired about various program available through Human Services or the Empowerment 2010 program.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Information Technology is pleased to announce that the Digital Parcel Map Book is now available on the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) Internet web site. There are 1,032 individual real estate property map sheets in a PDF format can be viewed or printed directly from the web site. Maps depict property (parcel, lot and deed) lines, lot numbers, block numbers, easements, and street addresses.

To access the maps, go to <http://gis.norfolk.gov>, click on the "Map and Photo Galleries" option on the left menu, and click the link to "Parcel Map Book."

While you are at the GIS site, be sure to check out the Interactive Mapper, Neighborhood Mapper, and aerial photo, digital street atlas, and map galleries. The Map Gallery in particular contains a wide variety of general interest maps that can be viewed or printed from the site.

LIBRARIES

Norfolk Images Project @ Norfolk Public Library. A new and exciting project at the Norfolk Public Library is under design and planning. This project will place historically interesting images of Norfolk with vivid descriptions on the library's web site. The images database is expected to attract thousands of users from Norfolk and throughout the world.

Peggy Haile McPhillips, Norfolk City Historian, and Robert Hitchings, of the local history and genealogy collection in the Sargeant Memorial Room at Kirn Library in downtown Norfolk, are devising plans and working on implementing the project over the next six months. Other libraries have undertaken similar projects with enormously positive local response. The Norfolk Images Project will deliver a rich, multifaceted database about the history, heritage, and culture of the Norfolk region.

The Norfolk Images Project will draw largely upon the resources of the library's local history and genealogy collection, where more than 20,000 photographic images form an important component for the study of the rich visual history of our city. Look forward to more information on the development of this project.

SAM is Coming: New Software will Improve Computer Access and Offer Filtering.

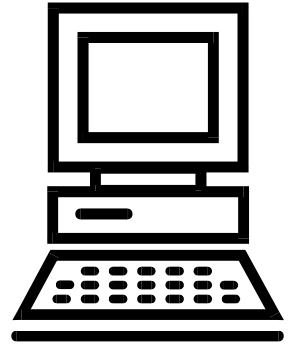
Beginning July 1, Norfolk Public Library's public computers will be managed by SAM (Smart Access Manager). This software offers new conveniences to the Library's in-house computer users. Congestion and wait-times in computer areas will be reduced. SAM will also eliminate the need for sign-in sheets.

In order to access library computers, you will need your library card and PIN. SAM asks each Internet user to enter his/her library card number at the start of a computer session. SAM keeps track of the length of each session, limiting usage to 30 minutes or one hour a day per user, as specified in the Library's Computer and Internet Use Policy. (Time extensions may be available based on need and computer availability.) SAM does not track which web sites a person has accessed.

SAM also allows you to manage and pay for your printing. You will have the option of cancelling or modifying print jobs, printing only the pages you wish. To pay for printing you will have to make a non-refundable deposit into your SAM's account.

Not only does SAM give our community more equitable access to library computers, it also allows staff members to better-assist patrons in a more timely fashion.

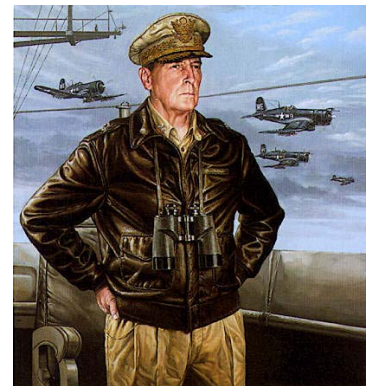
In addition, SAM offers filtering of materials deemed harmful to minors as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). This act was recently upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in a ruling that resolved a constitutional challenge brought by the American Library Association. SAM is specially designed to make it easy for adult patrons to turn filtering on or off, a requirement of the CIPA Regulation.



MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

General Douglas MacArthur Remembered in Many Ways.

Bill Davis, Director of the MacArthur Memorial and Executive Director of the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation participated in the dedication ceremonies that officially opened the Nimitz-MacArthur Pacific Command Center at Camp H.M. Smith in Hawaii. The command center is named in honor of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz and General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur. Naming the building for the two war heroes is in recognition of their roles leading United States and Allied military forces in the Central Pacific and Southwest Pacific theaters during World War II.



On the home front, the legend of General MacArthur continues to grow. The General MacArthur limited edition G.I. Joe Action Figure is breaking sales records at the MacArthur Foundation's gift shop. While the G.I. Joe Action Figure does not directly tie into our special exhibits at the MacArthur Memorial, it is supported by all of the exhibits that tell the story of a true American hero.

NAUTICUS IS LOOKING FOR PARTY ON THE PIER VOLUNTEERS

Compete for prizes, listen to a great band and help a worthy cause by volunteering for the 5th annual Party on the Pier concert series. Nauticus is looking for organizations and individuals to volunteer their time for one evening in support of the National Maritime Center Foundation Education Fund. The goal of this foundation is to support science education for kids.

When you or your organization volunteers, you will receive complimentary t-shirts, free admission for you and a guest to another concert during the series, and an invitation to the Volunteer Recognition Party in September.

Some of the duties you and your members will be performing while at the concert will be to pour and serve alcohol to concert goers, take money and give change for the purchase of alcohol and tickets, and to have fun.

Party on the Pier concert dates are: Friday, June 18; Friday July 16; Friday August 20 and Friday September 17. Call Amber Mason at 664-1043 to volunteer.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Neighborhood Service Centers

The vision of all Neighborhood Service Centers is to enhance the quality of services, programming and service related activities to ensure Norfolk citizens live in healthier and safer neighborhoods. Each Neighborhood Service Center is committed to quality customer service and building stronger neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Service Centers, previously referred to as multi-service centers, are strategically located throughout the city to provide quality service delivery of health, educational, recreational, and social programs to Norfolk citizens. Currently, there are four Neighborhood Service Centers to serve Norfolk citizens and the Ocean View Permit Office that serves as a resource center of information and referrals for citizens living in the northern section of the city.

Upcoming programs and services offered at our neighborhood service centers include:

Berkley Neighborhood Service Center, 925 S. Main Street

- ***Berkley Announces New Community Partnership***

The Berkley Neighborhood Service Center recently entered into a new community partnership with Empowerment 2010. This initiative features a Mobile Technology Center, which will provide residents of Southside the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills in the field of computer technology. The Mobile Technology Center is stationed at the facility each Wednesday from 10:30 am - 11:30 am and evenings from 7 pm - 8 pm. The Berkley Neighborhood Service Center is happy to also partner with the Urban League and Workforce Development as participants in this new and exciting program for the Southside community.

Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center, 830 Goff Street

▪ **Huntersville Community Plans Annual Community Event**

The Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center is planning a Community Day event in August, 2004. Special efforts are being planned between staff and various community partners for a great day of fun for all ages, entertainment, special program exhibits and good food. Please call the Huntersville Neighborhood Center at 664-7400 for more details.

▪ **New Community Partnership Announced at Huntersville**

The Division of Neighborhood Services announced a new community partnership added at the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center namely, the Interfaith Partnership Mentoring Program. Since the closing of Norfolk Community Hospital, several community agencies and programs have been searching for alternative office space throughout the city. All neighborhood service centers have been working diligently to support as many displaced programs as possible in our facilities.

Through management and inter-agency cooperation at the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center, adequate office space for the Interfaith Partnership Mentoring Program was made available to benefit the Huntersville community and surrounding areas. The Interfaith Partnership Mentoring Program is expected to move into their new office in June 2004. Call 664-7400 for more details.

Park Place Neighborhood Service Center, 606 W. 29th Street

▪ **Park Place Community Plans Community Town Hall Meeting and Award Celebration**

The Park Place Neighborhood Service Center is planning a Community Town Hall Meeting and Award Celebration on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Residents are encouraged to come out and hear what is going on in the neighborhoods of Colonial Place/Riverview; Kensington/Old Dominion; Lamberts Point; Park Place and Villa Heights. Esteemed City Officials – The Honorable Mayor Paul Fraim, City Manager V.K. Williams and Dr. Mason C. Andrews and others are scheduled to speak. Call 664-7500 for more details.

▪ **Park Place -- Mama I Want to Read Program**

Community advocates of the Mama I Want to Read pre-school reading program are busy planning this summer's enrichment activities. This year in addition to a strong emphasis on the importance of reading children to children at an early age, additional mentoring programs for parents will be offered targeting support initiatives in the area of self-esteem; financial planning; abuse related issues; quality family time and career planning. Special facilitators will address additional workshops. For more information regarding this summer pre-school enrichment program, call 664-7520.

Ocean View Permit Office (formerly Ocean View Trailer) Opens New Location, 8132 Shore Drive

The Ocean View Permit Office (OVPT) opened on April 12, 2004 in the renovated Pretty Lake Building Safety Office located at 8132 Shore Drive. Neighborhood Services staff at the Ocean View Trailer were relocated to this new location to serve residents living in the northern portion of the City of Norfolk. The Ocean View Trailer formally closed on April 30, 2004. Although the location changed, current staffing and quality services to the community continues. The office telephone number remains the same at 441-1784.

Neighborhood Service Centers 2004 Quarterly Statistical Report

A quarterly statistical review of monthly figures reflecting the total number of residents served at each of our neighborhood service centers is listed below:

Service Centers			
Number of Clients Served			
	January	February	March
Berkley	2,013	2,033	2,172
Huntersville	10,859	11,773	10,606
Little Creek	9,572	11,306	11,290
Ocean View Trailer	386	103	182
Park Place	12,770	16,504	16,822
Total Residents Served	35,600	41,719	41,072

Neighborhood University

NU Introduces Citizens to “The Big Easy”. In partnership with the Norfolk Environmental Commission, Neighborhood University will offer a summer course entitled “The Big Easy – Recycling 101”. The one-hour course will introduce Norfolk’s new curbside recycling program “The Big Easy” and provide a brief background on the process and importance of recycling. Participants will receive tips on beginning and enhancing personal recycling habits and receive a ‘phase-in’ schedule listing dates the “Big Easy” program will rollout in their neighborhood. Interested residents can complete a Neighborhood University registration form for either the June 8 or July 13 course scheduled for 6:00-7:00 PM at the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center.

NU Announces Community Partnership with TCC. Neighborhood University (NU) was able to secure the Tidewater Community College (TCC) lab to conduct grant writing courses this Spring. The larger space will allow the program to double the number of participants per course accommodating at least 20 additional students. Last spring over 75 individuals registered for the course. Unfortunately, 50 individuals were turned away because the class limit was 20. Now more participants can take advantage of this very popular course.

To register for any Neighborhood University (NU) class, you must submit a completed registration form. You may do so by:

1. **Mail** your registration to Neighborhood University, Division of Neighborhood Services, 501 Boush Street, Norfolk, VA 23510;
2. **Fax** your registration to (757) 441-5423; or
3. **E-mail** your registration form from the Neighborhood University website: www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/services/university.asp.

If you have further questions, please call (757) 441-2400.

Neighborhood University Annual Recognition Ceremony. The Division of Neighborhood Services is gearing up for the fifth Annual Neighborhood University Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 24, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Harrison Opera House. The purpose of the ceremony is to officially recognize and celebrate those dedicated citizens who have invested six (6) or more hours in Neighborhood University courses. The various instructors, sponsors and community partners that support Neighborhood University will also be recognized.

Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference. Although the last Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference was regrettably canceled due to Hurricane Isabel in September

2003, planning for the 2004 conference to be held in Blacksburg, Virginia on October 7-9, 2004 is now underway. The Division of Neighborhood Services is again representing the City of Norfolk by providing financial and staff support in the planning and execution of this statewide initiative as well as gathering the critical support of civic leagues and other interested groups. Preliminary registration and workshop information is available on the following website:

<http://www.blacksburg.gov/government/departments/conference/>.

Since Norfolk will host the 2005 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, the Division of Neighborhood Services has begun initial conference planning stages. The goal of the division is to incorporate inter-departmental input and citywide representation in all areas of conference.

World Changers

The response for assistance in World Changers this year has been overwhelming. The increase is a definite result of Hurricane Isabel. Over 100 homes were assessed as potential World Changers projects for this summer and 50 homes have been chosen for improvements.

Recently, MANCON donated small construction materials and equipment estimated at over \$1000 to the World Changers effort. Equipment and supplies will be available for usage in summer projects.

Volunteers Still Needed

Anyone interested in volunteering to work in any of the Neighborhood Service Centers or other programs in the Division of Neighborhood Services should call (757) 441-2400 for further details.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

Olde Huntersville Community Beautification Campaign. Neighborhood Preservation has partnered with the Olde Huntersville Civic League in a Community Beautification Campaign. This effort is being coordinated by Bea Garvin, President of the League. City Staff will be conducted property maintenance inspections over the next several months to support this effort. Neighborhood Preservation Inspectors select on yard a month to receive recognition for the Best Yard. Close attention will be paid to curb appeal with emphasis on maintenance, painting of fences, sheds, garages and houses. Other participants include Public Works, Waste Management, Sheriff's Department, Police, World Changers, Juvenile Probation/Parole, Huntersville Coalition, Parks & Leisure Services and Norfolk Botanical Gardens. The theme for the Beautification Campaign will be "*Power In The Flower*". Major Michael O'Toole of the city's Sheriff's Department

will utilizing inmates from his Work Release Program to pick up trash with the Huntersville Neighborhood. Major O'Toole agreed to pick up trash & debris on monthly basis and has already begun this effort.

NORFOLK REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

ISTEA Grant Funds for Attucks Project. City Council has adopted an ordinance to authorize the acceptance of grant funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiencies Act (ISTEA) Program for the Attucks Historic Pedestrian Walkway Project.

The City has been allocated grant funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation under the ISTEA program in the amount of \$800,000 for the pedestrian walkway project. The pedestrian walkway project is part of the ongoing renovations to the Attucks Theater and is not covered under previous renovation funding. The ordinance accepts the grant of \$800,000 and authorizes the expenditure of \$200,000 in local matching funds for the project. These local matching funds have been identified and are available to use for the Attucks Historic Pedestrian Walkway Project.

RECREATION CENTERS

Bayview – There is a new weight room at the Bayview Recreation Center.

Berkley – The recreation center hosted the Youth sports Banquet on May 15. More than 150 youth athletes, ages 5 – 17, coaches, parents and volunteers attended. Six teens from the center's Youth Entrepreneurship Program attended a conference in Los Angeles to be recognized as "Teen Entrepreneurship Success Story." The teens run their own lawn care program and t-shirt business.

Young Terrace – The center's Boo Williams Girls AAU Basketball Team will take on North Carolina's top 10 and 11 year old basketball teams in the Battle of the States tournament in Roanoke.

Sherwood – 70 people attended the annual Mothers Day Extravaganza.

PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY

Downtown Flowerpots - Landscape coordinators are busy planting the downtown summer flowerpots (originally donated by the Downtown Norfolk Council). These containerized flower gardens are used to brighten city streets and are being placed in

downtown locations this week. Combinations include Wave petunias, Lantana, Jungle Geranium and Swamp Petunia.

Plum Point Park – The planting of Plum Point Park is complete. The project is a joint effort between the Virginia Port Authority and the City. The project involved clean up of site debris, excavation and installation of riprap for 1600 feet of shoreline, removal of approximately 500 deteriorated piles, planting of 1-acre of wetlands, paving of a bike trail, and incidental landscaping for a 5-acre public park.

PARKING

Parking Garages Renamed. On March 16, 2004, City Council approved an ordinance renaming several garages located within downtown Norfolk. This renaming effort supports the City's Wayfinding and Garage Identification Initiative, which is designed to make downtown easier to navigate. Following the Best Practices in the Parking Industry, Norfolk renamed several of its downtown garages for the primary street they are located on and/or for the venue they serve. These changes make locating the parking facilities easier for tourist and short-term parkers and support surrounding destinations by better associating the names of the facilities to their physical location. Through improved communication and synergy with visitors, the way-finding system is intended to make downtown a friendlier destination for both locals and visitors.

Former Name	New Name
Union Street Garage	City Hall Garage-South
East Street Garage	City Hall Garage-North
Boush Street Garage	Freemason Street Garage
Freemason Street Garage	Monticello Avenue Garage
Plume Lane Garage	Commercial Place Garage
City Hall Avenue Garage	Boush Street Garage
Bute Street Garage	York Street Garage

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City Recognized for Excellence at American Institute of Architect's Conference. The Department of Planning has been recognized for excellence by the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The City of Norfolk's "A Pattern Book for Norfolk Neighborhoods" was presented with the Award for Preservation in recognition of the Department of Planning and Community Development's efforts to achieve preservation through education. The Department also received a Certificate of Appreciation for exemplary service for making the 2004 celebration of Virginia Architecture Week a success.

Five Points Streetscape Master Plan. City Council has adopted the Five Points Streetscape Master Plan. Last year, the Five Points Task Force and City staff requested and received funding to undertake a streetscape planning project for Sewells Point Road from the Five Points intersection to Widgeon Road. The consultant team of Insites, VHB, and the Miles Agency was selected to prepare the plan.

The Five Points Task Force, in discussing priorities for their community, recommended funding for this project as an opportunity to link together the commercial, residential, and institutional uses along the corridor through a coordinated streetscape design. At this time, several significant projects had been completed or were in the various stages of development in the area including: a demonstration block of sidewalk improvements in the commercial area; a successful farmer's market; construction of the new Norview High School; and planning for a new recreation center.

The success of these projects have resulted in the Task Force viewing the master plan as an opportunity to create a sense of place that is more neighborhood and business friendly. The plan provides suggestions for street trees, benches, pedestrian scale street lights, special concrete treatment and other amenities throughout the corridor.

In addition to creating a distinct character for the area, the other major goal was to improve the functional aspects of the roadway and transportation network. The plan addresses ways in which the area could be improved for pedestrian safety and techniques for traffic calming. The plan calls for roadway improvements that channel through traffic from Sewells Point Road onto Chesapeake Boulevard. These proposed improvements are designed to reduce congestion in the commercial core and at the Five Points intersection. A more functional transportation route through the Five Points area and a safe and inviting streetscape will in turn stimulate private redevelopment and reinvestment in the area.

Bus Shelter Signs. Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) and Adams Outdoor Advertising have approached the cities in the region concerning a program to upgrade and replace bus shelters located along major streets. Adams has proposed to pay the renovations and shelter placement costs in exchange for the right to install advertising panels in the end walls of the shelters. There are approximately 15 sites in Norfolk being considered for this program. Department of Public Works would insure that the locations of these signs are compatible with the surrounding environment.

POLICE

City Recognizes Distinguished Service Of Police Officers. The Police Department held its 8th annual awards and commendation service. This ceremony is held each year to recognize individuals who have performed specific acts of heroism, bravery,

distinguished service, or notable accomplishments. Officers, civilian employees and citizens were recognized for valor in seven categories.

The 2003 recipients are as followed:

Medal of Valor

Officer B.L. Wynkoop
Officer J.G. Garriss
Officer M. S. Morlang
Officer J.L. Nowell
Officer J.P. Losee
K-9 Dog Faro (Posthumously)
K-9 Dog Jaymo

Distinguished Service Medal

Officer Sheila Herring (Posthumously)
Officer R. D. Lean
Officer T. B. McClain
Officer J. P. Szajnoga

Purple Heart

Officer Sheila Herring
(Posthumously)

Citizen Service Medal

Mr. James E. Bradley
Mr. Thomas Doumar
Mr. Chris Orlof
Mr. Anthony Redifer
Mr. Randolph Windley

Life Saving Award

Officer W. M. Bailey
Officer P.R. Dixon
Officer J.A. Johnson
Officer E. J. Jones

Police Officer of the Year

Officer M.M. Naughton

Civilian Employee of the Year

Operations Officer D. W. Thacker

The Norfolk Police Department's Fall Session of the Citizen's Police Academy will commence on August 19, 2004 and end on November 4, 2004. Classes meet on Thursdays from 6:30 – 9:30 PM at the Second Patrol Division, 7665 Sewells Point Road in the city of Norfolk.

Fall Session Courses Include:

- Laws of Arrest/Search and Seizure
- Internal Affairs
- K-9 Demonstration
- Forensics and Crime Scene Investigations
- Homicide Investigations
- Patrol Techniques and Shift Explanation
- Magistrate Duties
- Tour the Norfolk City Jail
- Domestic Violence
- and more!

Who Can Attend?

If you live or work in Norfolk, you are eligible to submit an application for the Citizen's Academy. Other requests will be reviewed based upon request. The Citizen's Academy is sponsored by the Norfolk Police Department and is FREE. Each application must consent to a criminal background check.

How Do I Enroll?

To enroll in the Citizen's Academy, please contact Officer Whitley or Officer Gurdon at 664-6923, or fax the application at 664-6911, or mail the application to:

Citizen's Police Academy, Second Patrol Divison
7665 Sewells Point Road
Norfolk, Va. 23513

Application for the Citizen's Academy

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Phone:

Zip Code:

Place of Employment:

Address:

Social Security Number:

Date of Birth:

Is Your Driver's License Currently Valid? :

Have You Ever Been Convicted of a Felony?

I certify that all statements made on this application are true. I further authorize the Norfolk Police Department to conduct a criminal history check based upon the information provided on this form.

Signed:

Date:

PROJECT UPDATES

Riverview Crosswalk Project. New crosswalks are being installed on Granby Street in the Riverview Area (from 38th Street up to the Lafayette River Bridge). Three, 10-foot wide, street-print crosswalks will be installed across Granby Street at the intersections of 38th Street, Delaware Avenue, and 42nd Street. Interruption of traffic along Granby in the Riverview Area should end by Friday, May 21.

Community Lighting Upgrades. The Division of Transportation recently completed the upgrading of lighting fixtures within the Berkley, Campostella, and Fairmount Park areas. The lighting improvements for the Berkley and Campostella areas included the upgrading of 31 lighting fixtures. In Fairmount Park, 49 new fixtures and poles were installed, while

81 were upgraded. The improvements bring these communities into compliance with current City of Norfolk and Illuminating Engineering Society standards.

Partial Closure of Brambleton Avenue. The City, as part of the Boush Street Improvements project, is making upgrades to its sanitary sewer system. The replacement of a sewer main located under Brambleton Avenue will also require relocation of approximately 200 feet of Dominion Virginia Power duct bank.

In order for Dominion Virginia Power to complete its relocation, partial street closures are needed. Beginning Monday, April 26th through June 26th, the Brambleton Avenue eastbound right lane will be closed 24 hours a day at the intersection of Brambleton Avenue and Duke Street to Boush Street. In addition Duke Street between Brambleton Avenue and York Street will have alternating lane closures towards the end of the Virginia Power project. Enhanced traffic controls and posted detour signs will assist motorists in navigating this area.

West Ocean View Traffic Congestion Relief. The City is in the process of implementing recommendations jointly developed with residents regarding traffic congestion on Ocean View Avenue by vehicles trying to reach the Hampton Bridge Tunnel. Directional signs have been installed this weekend along Mason Creek Road, Tidewater Drive, 4th View Street and Ocean View Avenue as part of the effort to ease the commute for residents bound for Willoughby. The City has already removed the concrete median barriers along Tidewater Drive and Ocean View Avenue.

Remaining work includes the installation of an additional 60 directional signs and median modifications that will create dual left turn lanes from Tidewater Drive to 4th View. The new traffic pattern is expected to be in place by the end of May.

PUBLIC WORKS

Waste Management Call Volume Soars. The Division of Waste Management has recently experienced a higher than usual call volume over the last several weeks. The normal wait time is less than one minute; however during spring, the wait time can increase to an average of five minutes. To address this issue, the department has reassigned staff from other divisions on a temporary basis to assist in handling the increased call volume. Staff will monitor this situation on an ongoing basis. If the call volume remains high for an extended period, additional resources may be required on a permanent basis to reduce customer wait time.



UTILITIES

Department of Utilities--Projects

Replacement of PS 16 & Force Main – 350 3rd View St. at the dead end of Government Avenue

Neighborhood: Willoughby Spit

Project Cost Estimate: \$ 1,500,000.00

Estimated Start/Completion Dates: June 04 – July 05

Upgrade of Pump Station 28 – 175 West Bayview Blvd.

Neighborhood: Granby Shores

Project Cost Estimate: \$ 65,000.00

Estimated Start/Completion Dates: June 04 – Jan 05

Renovations of Pump Station 15 – 9238 First View Street

Neighborhood: Ocean View

Project Cost Estimate: \$ 1,100,000.00

Estimated Start/Completion Dates: June 04 – July 05

Fairmount Park Sanitary Sewer and Water Improvements Phase 3: Design is currently underway for complete replacement of the existing sanitary sewer system and a portion of water mains. The project area is bounded by Willow wood Dr, Alsace Ave and Elmore Ave, Tidewater Dr. Design is scheduled to be complete summer 2004 with construction following. This is the third phase of a multi-phase sanitary sewer improvement project within the Fairmount Park neighborhood.

Water System Video Wins Award of Distinction. *Sending the Water Home to Norfolk* is a 13-minute aerial tour of the Norfolk Water System. With much of the film shot from a helicopter, the video takes the viewer on a 55-mile flight, tracing the journey of the city's drinking water from its source to the water treatment plants. Along the way, the video explains the processes the water goes through to meet the high quality standards of Norfolk's drinking water.

Nearly a year in the making, *Sending the Water Home to Norfolk* was conceptualized and scripted by Norfolk Utilities and produced by HP Productions of Vienna, Virginia.

A part of Utilities' ongoing education program, *Sending the Water Home to Norfolk* has been incorporated into the department's employee orientation program, and it is available to civic organizations for viewing through the Department of Utilities.

Miss Utility Locators Receive Statewide Recognition. Recently, the Eastern Virginia Damage Prevention Committee Area 2 recognized Norfolk Department of Utilities Engineering Technicians Ray Moore, Ernie Garrett, and Mike Seymour for completing more than 5,000 damage-free locates from August 2002 to August 2003.

Utilities Engineering Technicians locate and mark water and wastewater lines prior to any repairs requiring excavation. This location protects the lines from damages and increases the safety of the workers involved in the repair.

This is the first time the Sate Corporation has recognized Miss Utility locators for their safety.

HRSD/City of Norfolk Partnership Continues to Grow. The value of a partnership cannot always be measured in dollars. However, when a winning partnership also saves nearly \$400,000 a year, it's a plus. That is but one of the many advantages to the City of Norfolk/HRSD relationship.

The partnership between the City of Norfolk and HRSD goes way beyond its cost-effectiveness. Extending into customer service, operations, public relations, engineering and planning, this long-term partnership has benefitted Norfolk, its rate payers, and HRSD for years.

Now, as the City of Norfolk embarks on its unprecedented 10-year Capital Improvement Plan, this partnership is playing an even more important role in the quality service the Norfolk Department of Utilities and HRSD give to their customers.

1. Long-time Customer Service Partners

The City of Norfolk provides high quality drinking water to the residents of Norfolk and carries the wastewater away from homes and businesses through the sanitary sewer system. HRSD treats that wastewater.

Because the charges for those services are based on the amount of water used in each household, the city and HRSD work together on the billing process. The Department of Utilities reads the water meters and provides the information to HRSD. This data is the basis for the HRSD and City of Norfolk water-related charges on the Hampton Roads Utility Billing Service (HRUBS) statement received by Norfolk water customers every month.

Through its joint billing service, which combines charges for public services from the City of Norfolk and HRSD onto one bill, HRSD processes the HRUBS bills and sends them to Norfolk customers. This billing service is cost-saving in that it saves the city almost \$33,000 a month—nearly \$400,000 a year, a cost that does not have to be passed on to the customer. It is also convenient for the customer in that it reduces the number of checks that must be written and sent in payment. For added convenience, both HRSD and Norfolk Utilities collect the payments, so the customer can pay at the nearest location.

The City of Norfolk and HRSD also coordinate and work closely in tap installations and connection fees, delinquent bill collections, and non-payment actions.

The two have also cooperated extensively on public relations and public information activities. The HRSD mail room includes Norfolk's informational inserts in the city's HRUBS bills. The agency also actively participates in the Hampton Roads Water Efficiency Team and the regional effort to keep fat, oil and grease out of the sanitary sewer systems.

Nowhere are Norfolk Utilities and HRSD more intimately connected than in the day-to-day operations of the sanitary sewer system. All City of Norfolk sanitary sewer lines send wastewater to HRSD lines and pump stations. Therefore, it is important that each agency know what the other is doing because of the impact the operations have on each other. By working closely together, they coordinate repairs and help each other reduce any impact on the customer.

2. Capital Improvements Expand Teamwork

Over the next 10 years, the city will spend approximately \$17 million in sanitary sewer improvement projects each year. The most critical portions of the sewer system will be replaced first. Some projects are already being constructed and some are still in the design phase. However, beginning in FY 05, Norfolk residents will see as many as five and six major projects under construction in various areas throughout the city.

The city's coordination efforts with HRSD in the wastewater capital improvement plan is crucial to a positive outcome, and HRSD is already playing a major role in the design and construction of many of the projects.

An example of this teamwork can be found in the design of the first phase of the Chesterfield Heights water and sewer upgrade project. This project, which the city plans to begin in FY05, includes building a new pump station, deep gravity sewer lines, and water upgrades to improve services to all residents in the area.

As in all such projects, the city's is dedicated to delivering the best possible service to its residents in the most cost-efficient manner. The goal in phase one of the Chesterfield Heights project is to reduce the number of sewer pump stations in the area from the existing three to one, while improving the service. One of the existing pump stations is owned by HRSD, the other two by the City of Norfolk. Having only one pump station in the area will reduce the cost of operation and maintenance, which is an integral part of the customer's charge.

This is a goal that HRSD shares, and the agency is actively participating in the study and design of this project.

In the future, the citizens of Norfolk will benefit from even more cooperative efforts by Norfolk Utilities and HRSD, especially where wastewater capital improvement projects are concerned. Norfolk Utilities has recently created a computer model of its

sanitary sewer system—one that is interactive with a model of the HRSD system and will assist in more integrated and highly efficient sewer project designs.

Closely related in their missions, Norfolk Utilities and HRSD have successfully worked together over the years, and continue to constantly strive for more efficient, cost-effective services for their customers.

CIP Update—Lafayette Boulevard Improvements. The City of Norfolk continues to improve water and sanitary sewer services to its customers with the Lafayette Boulevard replacement project. In addition to sewer replacements, this project also will include water main replacements where necessary.

The replacement of the water and sewer facilities is complete. Pavement milling and resurfacing are expected to begin in about 45 days, and the scheduled completion is late August 2004.

This \$2.5 million project will improve the sanitary sewer and water services to various residents and businesses along Lafayette Boulevard between Chesapeake Boulevard and Tidewater Drive.

Utility Department Ensuring Norfolk Residents Have High Quality H₂O. Major media outlets in recent weeks have reported on the high concentration of lead levels found in the drinking water of the Washington D.C. area residents. Lead in drinking water can cause a variety of adverse health effects...for example; exposure to high levels of lead in drinking water by infants and children can result in delays in physical or mental development. For adults, high levels of lead in drinking water can result in kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Fortunately, this is not a problem for Norfolk, partly due to an aggressive campaign that began in the 1980s to remove lead pipes from the system. For many years, Norfolk tested specifically for lead in the drinking water of 200 homes annually. These samples have consistently demonstrated that lead was not an issue for the Norfolk Water System. Because of Norfolk's excellent record, the Virginia Department of Health reduced Norfolk's lead monitoring requirement to 50 homes every three years.

Norfolk's water, in addition to lead testing, undergoes 56,000 quality and safety tests each year. Waterworks operators and chemists at the City's two water treatment plants monitor water quality 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They also randomly test water at locations around the City and at customers' homes upon request.

Currently, the Department of Utilities is airing a two-minute public service announcement on WCTY, TV 48 entitled "*Quality Service Quick Snapshot: Ensuring the Quality of Your Drinking Water.*" This message educates customers on the high quality of Norfolk's drinking water and encourages them to call the department if they'd like the water in their home tested.

FYI

Reprinted from City of Norfolk Employee Safety Newsletter

INSECT BITES POSE TULAREMIA HAZARD TO OUTDOOR WORKERS

You don't hear the term "tularemia" often, but if you're an outdoor worker you should become familiar with it. Tularemia, also known as "rabbit fever," is a disease caused by the bacterium *Francisella tularensis*. Tularemia is typically found in animals, especially rodents, rabbits, and hares.

Tularemia is usually a rural disease and has been reported in all U.S. states except Hawaii. Typically, people become infected through the bite of infected insects (most commonly, ticks and deerflies), by handling infected sick or dead animals, by eating or drinking contaminated food or water, or by inhaling airborne bacteria.

About 200 human cases of tularemia are reported each year in the United States. Most cases occur in the south-central and western states. Nearly all cases occur in rural areas, and are caused by the bites of ticks and biting flies or from handling infected rodents, rabbits, or hares. Cases also have resulted from inhaling airborne bacteria and from laboratory accidents.

Signs and symptoms of tularemia

The signs and symptoms people develop depend on how they are exposed to tularemia. Possible symptoms include skin ulcers, swollen and painful lymph glands, inflamed eyes, sore throat, mouth sores, diarrhea, or pneumonia. If the bacteria are inhaled, symptoms can include abrupt onset of fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, joint pain, dry cough, and progressive weakness.

People with pneumonia can develop chest pain, difficulty breathing, bloody sputum, and respiratory failure. Tularemia can be fatal if the person is not treated with appropriate antibiotics. Consult your doctor at the first sign of illness. Be sure to let the doctor know if you are pregnant or have a weakened immune system.

Preventing infection

Use insect repellent containing DEET on your skin, or treat clothing with repellent containing permethrin, to prevent insect bites. Wash your hands often, using soap and warm water, especially after handling animal carcasses. Be sure to cook your food thoroughly and that your water is from a safe source. Note any change in the behavior of your pets (especially rodents, rabbits, and hares) or livestock, and consult a veterinarian if they develop unusual symptoms.

MOSQUITO CONTROL AROUND THE HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Warm weather has finally arrived here in Norfolk and many people are spending more time working in their yards and gardens, enjoying the weather at one of the many city parks, and engaging in a number of other outdoor activities. Warm temperatures and rain also bring out mosquitoes, which can be not only an annoyance, but also potential carriers of diseases such as West Nile Virus. However, there are a few common sense steps that homeowners and community groups can do to reduce the number of mosquitoes in their neighborhood.



Most people are familiar with the annoying buzz and bite of mosquitoes during the warmer months. Less obvious, yet far more important in terms of control is that fact that three of the four mosquito life stages—egg, larvae, and pupae—involve water. This is the time when mosquitoes are most vulnerable and easiest to control. Depending on the species, mosquitoes lay their eggs either directly on the surface of the water or in areas prone to flooding. Once eggs are in contact with water, they soon hatch and progressively go through the larval and pupae stages until they become flying adult mosquitoes. The transformation from egg to an adult can take as little as seven to ten days depending on species and temperature. Around the home one can find mosquito larvae in nearly anything that holds water for more than five to seven days including tires, buckets, birdbaths, trashcans, toys, tarps, and low spots in the yard that collect rainwater. Even a fallen tree leaf that is folded so it holds water can be a source of mosquito breeding. It doesn't take long when searching around your backyard to discover just how resourceful mosquitoes can be.

There is much that individual homeowners and community groups can do to control mosquitoes in their neighborhood. Most of these simple techniques take only a few minutes to complete, and when done regularly can significantly reduce local mosquito populations. Some common tips for the elimination of mosquito breeding are as follows:

- Change water in pet bowls and birdbaths at least once per week
- Eliminate potential mosquito breeding sources including tires, cans, and other debris.
- Check tarps at least once per week for rainwater collection and possible mosquito breeding.
- Check flowerpots and trays at least once per week.
- Empty buckets and turn them over so they don't hold water.
- Weekly dump water from any toys left out in the yard.
- Empty water from stored boats.

- Keep gutters clean of leaf litter and drain flat roofs.
- Fill in ground depressions left by fallen trees. This is an important step due to the number of trees felled by Hurricane Isabel last September.

Community leaders may wish to organize a neighborhood-based approach to mosquito control, the benefits of which are twofold. First, this proactive, community-approach should broadly reduce the number of mosquitoes in a neighborhood and will foster a greater sense of community involvement and neighborhood pride.

The Norfolk Department of Public Health, Division of Vector Control is available to answer any questions regarding mosquito breeding or community-based mosquito control. Please call 683-2840 for more information. By working together, individuals, communities, and local government agencies can help control mosquitoes and make those warm summer months more enjoyable and safer for everyone.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

4-H

Norfolk 4-H Junior Summer Camp July 19-23, 2004

4-H is the youth development education program of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Four-H is committed to assisting youth, and those adults working with them, in acquiring the knowledge, life skills, and attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, contributing and productive members of society. The central theme of 4-H education is "learn by doing".

4-H summer camp is cooperative living in a natural environment which focuses on the child's social, spiritual, mental and physical development. The Airfield 4-H Educational Center is located in Wakefield, about one hour and fifteen minutes from Norfolk. The site consists of 220 acres of wooded land that is surrounded by a pond. The trees, nature trails, wildlife and the pond are used as outdoor classrooms for the campers. One of the most popular spots at camp is the swimming pool. Certified lifeguards supervise pool activities. Living quarters include four lodges which house 208 people. Each room contains bunk beds, carpeting, bathroom with shower and air conditioning. Each lodge contains handicapped accessible rooms.

The campers are supervised by the Extension Agent and trained adult and teen volunteers. The classes are taught by volunteers and college students. Each child is assigned a counselor who shares a room and meals with the child and is available for support.

Norfolk camp will be held July 19-July 23, 2004. Boys and girls 9 to 13 years old are eligible to attend camp. The fee is \$180. All balances are due by June 20. Installment payments are accepted. Fee includes transportation to the 4-H Center and return, three nutritious meals a day that are served family style, four nights lodging and a camp t-shirt. The bus leaves from the Harrison Opera House rear parking lot (corner of Granby Street and Va Beach Blvd) on Monday, July 19, at 9:00 a.m. and returns to the Harrison Opera House on Friday, July 23, at 12:00 p.m.

An exciting week has been planned for the campers. This is a wonderful opportunity for city kids to have fun in the woods!! For more information and registration form, please call 683-2816.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

1ST Annual American Red Cross Heroes Games, Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m., Chesapeake City Park. Heroes Games Festival & Stage 3 Competitions. Open and free to the public. Free parking.

- Festival with food, entertainment, exhibits and kids activities
- Firefighters, Police and Sheriff job skill competitions
- All departments tug-of-war, CPR skills competitions
- Inter-city volleyball tournament

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

SENIORS ART FORUM

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets on the first Saturday of every month at 2 p.m. for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call Kristi McMillan at (757) 333-6268 for group reservations.

The Fine Art of Wine and Jazz

With the Chrysler voted by the readers of *Port Folio Weekly* as a great place to experience live music, *The Art of Jazz* is an ongoing happening each Wednesday evening until 8:45 p.m., featuring some of the best of the region's jazz artists. This spring, in addition to *The Art of Jazz* the Chrysler will host *The Fine Art of Wine* – an informal wine tasting on the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 6 p.m. Farm Fresh will generously provide the wine, wine education, and light fare for visitors; the Museum will provide the great jazz, the magnificent art, and the beautiful setting. The fabulous

performers scheduled for May and June are listed below. For more information on monthly tastings, please call (757) 333-6279.

JUNE

- 2** Grace Street
- 9** Against All Odds
- 16** Charles Darden
- 23** Jimmy Masters
- 30** Jim Newsom

The Art of Shopping

Do you like shopping, art—or both? Well, this summer you are in luck as the Chrysler and MacArthur Center have teamed up to present a special three-day event featuring art and the art of shopping. During **July 16-18** look for many family activities that will appeal to people of all ages including *The Art of Shopping* art contest, a scavenger hunt, and the first-ever sidewalk sale inside MacArthur Center Mall. The contest will consist of three age groups with X-Boxes provided by Pepsi as the grand prize for winners. Stay tuned for more information on how to enter. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities for the *The Art of Shopping*, please contact James Woodruff at (757) 333-6220 or jwoodruff@chrysler.org.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CPAAAN Yard Sale. Saturday, June 12; 1313 Oak Park Avenue. Please continue to contribute items for the sale. We still need some flower pots for the many plants we will have for sale, and hangers for clothing items. So if you can help with sale items or in any other way, we would appreciate it.

If you cannot contribute items for the sale, come out on June 12 to support CPAAN by making a purchase. Remember, one man's trash in another man's treasure.

We expect to have lots of plants, books, toys, household items, clothing of all types, and much more. Come out and find your treasure.

COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The City of Norfolk, through the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, supports a number of our community's cultural programs and organizations. Events in June and July include:

CONTINUING

America's First Old Master: Portraits by John Singleton Copley from the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston continues through August 15th. ***Silver Images: The Photography***

Collection at 25 continues through August 15th. ***The Quilts of Gee's Bend*** continues through January 2nd, 2005. *Chrysler Museum of Art*. 664-6200*

Mid-Atlantic Art Exhibition: Works on and of Paper 2004. 14th annual juried exhibition featuring artists from across the mid-Atlantic opens with an awards reception and continues through June 27th. *d'ART Center*. 625-4211

Off the Map. Generic Theater presents off-beat, evocative coming-of-age comedy; performances continue through June 6th. *Generic Theater*. 441-2160*

Materialize. Exhibition of work by Sally Brogden (clay) and Amy Broderick (paper); show continues through June 19th. *University Gallery, ODU*. 683-2355

MAY

29-31 (Sat.-Mon.) – Afr'Am Fest 2004. One of the largest family-oriented ethnic cultural celebrations on the East Coast marks its 21st year with musical entertainment, visual arts, historical information, food, and children's activities sponsored by Southeastern Virginia Arts Association. *Town Point Park*. 216-7518*

JUNE

12 (Sat.) – 7:30 pm A Cappella VIII: All Nature Sings. Schola Cantorum, directed by Dr. Lee Teply, presents its annual *a capella* concert program celebrating the beauty of nature with Renaissance to Contemporary chamber music. *Blessed Sacrament Church*. 481-0515*

25-27 (Fri-Sun.) - 8:00 pm The Mystery of Irma Vep. The Little Theatre of Norfolk fundraiser features two comic talents playing multiple roles. *Little Theatre of Norfolk*. 627-8551*

29 (Tues.) – 7 pm Voices of Norfolk Concert Choir. Concert directed by Frank Felder. *Titustown Recreation Center, 7545 Diven Street*. 441-1259

JULY

3 (Sat.) – 7:30 pm 20th Anniversary Celebration. Tidewater Winds, the professional concert band in the Sousa Band tradition, celebrates two decades of presenting its annual summer concert series. *Harrison Opera House*. 480-0953

9 (Fri.) – 6-8 pm *Outside Art: Not Only Your Garden Variety.* Opening reception for exhibition continuing through August 29th. *d'ART Center*. 625-4211*

11 (Sun.) – 7:30 pm *Tour the World with the Winds.* Tidewater Winds, the professional concert band in the Sousa Band tradition, presents its 20th annual summer concert series. *Harrison Opera House*. 480-0953

17 (Sat.) – 7 pm *To Have and to Hold.* Opening reception for installation and mixed media exhibition by K. Johnson Bowles and Marcella Stasa; using storytelling, revelation and inspiration to explain how meaning is attached to commonplace objects, the show continues through August 22nd. *University Gallery, ODU*. 683-2355

18 (Sun.) – 7:30 pm *TV, Movie, and Broadway Extravaganza.* Tidewater Winds, the professional concert band in the Sousa Band tradition, presents its 20th annual summer concert series. *Harrison Opera House*. 480-0953

23 (Fri.) – 7 pm *Grease.* Hurrah Players presents family theater; musical production continues through July 25th. *Roper Performing Arts Center, TCC*. 627-5437*

25 (Sun.) – 7:30 pm *2004 Grand Finale.* Tidewater Winds, the professional concert band in the Sousa Band tradition, closes out its 20th annual summer concert series. *Harrison Opera House*. 480-0953

*admission or fee is charged for these events

Thursday, May 27, 4-5pm, Blyden Norfolk Public Library, 897 E. Princess Anne Rd. in Norfolk -- *Voices of Norfolk* Concert Choir's Youth After School Educational Program.

The Voices of Norfolk Concert Choir, a nonprofit community choir, was founded in October of 1967 by Bernard Shell, Sr. The choir is a traveling group that performs for nondenominational churches and committees for all to enjoy. Call 757-588-5200 for information.

CULTURAL ALLIANCE

Let's Jazz it up with a Silent Auction. June Jazz, the Cultural Alliance's annual celebration and fundraiser, will be held from 6 p.m. to Starlight on **Thursday, June 3** at The **Hermitage Foundation Museum** on the shores of the **Lafayette River** in Norfolk. The evening will feature live jazz by the **Jae Sinnett Trio** with **WHRO's Raymond Jones** as emcee! Guests will enjoy live music, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, a large and varied cultural arts auction and great company at the Cultural Alliance's annual

fundraiser. Proceeds to benefit the Cultural Alliance and in turn all the cultural organizations in Hampton Roads. Tickets are \$36 per person.

D'ART CENTER

Sign up now for Summer Day Camp!

d'ART Day Camp - Monday-Friday 9am-2pm

Enjoy five creative & fun-filled days in an atmosphere where fine art is made. Drawing, painting, clay, mixed media & more. Each week ends with an Art Show on Friday. Tuition \$125 & materials fee \$25. Bring a lunch; snacks will be provided. Call 625-4211 to register, space limited.

Art's Cool Day Camp

June 21-25: Ages 6-8

July 19-23: Ages 8-11

August 16-20: Ages 6-10

Art's Hot Day Camp

June 28-July 2: Ages 9-14

July 26-30: Ages 9-14

The d'ART Center Announces d'ART Day Camp 2004

Children ages 6-14 will enjoy five creative & fun-filled days in an atmosphere where fine art is made. They will experience drawing, painting, clay, mixed media & more. Each week ends with an Art Show on Friday afternoon.

Five separate sessions are offered throughout the summer for different age groups:

Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm

June 21-25: ages 6-8

June 28-July 2: ages 9-14

July 19-23: ages 8-11

July 26-30: ages 9-14

August 16-20: ages 6-10

Art day camp instructors are experienced art educators who have taught at the d'ART Center, Governor's School and Norfolk and Virginia Beach school systems.

Camp will take place at 125 College Place in downtown Norfolk. For more specific information, please contact the d'ART Center at 757-625-4211, d.artcenter@rcn.com, or visit our website at www.d-artcenter.org.

Volunteers Needed! The d'ART Center is in need of volunteers for Art's Cool Day Camp for the following weeks: **June 21-25, July 19-23, and August 16-20, 8:30AM – 2:15PM.**

Every summer the d'ART Center host several art camps for young children and are looking for volunteers 16 years old & older to help with this. Volunteers will help children with art projects and monitor them during breaks. The d'ART Center is looking for outgoing individuals who are interested in helping children learn about art and discover their own artistic process. Camp sessions will involve projects in drawing, painting, clay, mixed media and more. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in art or in teaching. All qualified candidates will be interviewed prior to camp. Call 625-4211 for an application.

The d'ART CENTER is a regional, private, non-profit, visual art facility featuring 40 resident visual artists creating, displaying and selling original fine art. The center's mission is to connect the public with the visual arts process.

Admission to the d'ART Center is free and open to the public. For more information about these or any other events at d'ART Center, please call 625-4211.

DESIGN CENTER

Co-Sponsored by the City of Norfolk and AIA Hampton Roads, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects, City Living Norfolk Style Lecture Series is a program piece of the Neighborhood Design and Resource Center designed to offer continuing education to homeowners, architects, builders and realtors. Each month a new topic will be presented by a representative from prominent local architectural companies to enrich participants on various aspects of architecture, renovation, design and homeownership. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact Andrew Northcutt at 664-6784 for more information.

FESTEVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Norfolk Jazz Festival Returns to Town Point Park on July 16 & 17

Friday, July 16; 5 - 11 pm

Saturday, July 17; 3 - 11 pm

Town Point Park ~ Downtown Norfolk, Virginia Waterfront

\$20 Friday All Day Ticket

\$25 Saturday All Day Ticket

Special \$34 Weekend Friday and Saturday Pass

Available Only by Advance Purchase

Advance Ticket Information will be released soon.

Ticket information will be released later this month.

In its 22 year history, the Norfolk Jazz Festival has presented such great jazz legends as Dizzy Gillespie, Buddy Rich, Doc Severinsen, Roy Ayers, Betty Carter, Stanley Jordan, Branford Marsales, Earl Klugh, Bob James and dozens more.

This year's festival schedule hosts six of the most popular jazz and rhythm and blues musicians on national tour this year including Boney James, Keiko Matsui, Chuck Mangione, Kim Waters, Angela Bofill, and Pieces of a Dream. Local and regional favorites including The Good Life and Tyrone Marquis Smith will open the festival each day.

After six consecutive years of adverse weather conditions that either delayed or cancelled the Town Point Park Jazz Festival, Festevents organizers were forced to reduce the size and scale of the event due to the lack of returning sponsors. In the past several years, Festevents has attempted several avenues to maintain a variety of jazz formats in its annual schedule including several indoor venues, however, attendance at these shows produced minimal attendance.

Mounting requests from the public to return the event to its original outdoor setting has received such overwhelming support that Norfolk City Councilman Anthony Burfoot approached Norfolk Festevents to consider returning the event to Town Point Park. A partnership was recently approved between the City of Norfolk and Norfolk Festevents to return the festival to Town Point Park with a reasonable admission fee and special advance purchase discounts.

"Norfolk is on the cutting edge of becoming a City, not just rich in diversity of people, who work, live, play and celebrates life daily," Councilman Burfoot states. He continues, "We are also abundantly rich in culture and the entertainment scene."

Norfolk Festevents' Executive Director Karen Scherberger states local and regional jazz fans for outdoor shows are among the most loyal musical fans in town. "I've seen more than 6,000 people standing in pouring down rain for hours to hear Roy Ayers, Ramsey Lewis, and others," Scherberger stated. "One year, the police even forced us to shut down the show because the city was preparing to close the flood gates, but we still had artists willing to play and fans prepared to sit out the storm!" "Unfortunately," Scherberger explains, "at that time, we were not charging admission fees- we had the people even in the bad weather- but we did not have the income from ticket sales that would have saved the shows financially."

Scherberger reports that reactions to the admission prices to this year's show have been extremely positive. Festevents and Councilman Burfoot have received comments from locals and out of town visitors that the ticket price for the Norfolk show offers real value for the price.

Once word hit the street that the outdoor show is returning, Festevents immediately received a call from the Richmond, Virginia Jazz radio station interested in partnership and to bring groups to the Norfolk event.

Councilman Burfoot has been coordinating with Scherberger since the summer of 2003 researching other national jazz festivals including the Capital Jazz Festival in Washington, D. C., the Newport Jazz Festival, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and others to determine the appropriate talent and admission fees that would be reasonable for the Hampton Roads Market.

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 16

5:00 - 6:00 pm	Tyrone Marquis Smith
6:30-8:00 pm	Pieces of a Dream
9:00-10:30 pm	Boney James

Saturday, July 17

3:00 - 4:00 pm	The Good Life
4:30-5:30 pm	Angela Bofill
6:00-7:00 pm	Kim Waters
7:30-9:00 pm	Chuck Mangione
9:30-11:00 pm	Keiko Matsui

For more information, call Norfolk Festevents at (757) 441-2345 or visit www.festeventsva.org

Rain Site. *In the event of inclement weather conditions, Norfolk Scope will be the rain site. Information will be available on the day of each show if any shows are relocated to Scope. Tickets will be honored at both locations.*

Dr. Seuss turns 100 years old this year!

Plans being made for a spectacular birthday party- and everyone's invited!

Saturday, October 2, 2004, 10 am – 3 pm

Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, VA

Admission \$2 per person, Infants free

Dr. Seuss turns 100 years old this year, and Norfolk Festevents announced today that it will host Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday party as part of the 16th Annual SunCom Virginia Children's Festival on October 2, 2004.

Activities will include a Seuss style parade, Dr. Seuss group book reading, a Cat in the Hat® make and take, great games and contests with prizes, giant Dr. Seuss balloons and much, much more!

The Virginia Children's Festival joins the lineup of 2004 Events and Festivals planned by Norfolk Festevents for Town Point Park in downtown Norfolk on the Elizabeth River. Enclosed is the full schedule of 2004 Events and Festivals.

2004 Schedule of Events

Town Point Park

- **The SunCom Concerts at the Point –**

Each Friday in May: May 21 and May 28, 2004

- **AFR'AM Festival-** May 31, 2004, 12:00 p.m.

- **The 28th Annual Norfolk Harborfest® –**

Friday, June 11 – Sunday, June 13, 2004

- **The 15th Annual SunCom Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival –**

Friday, June 25 – Sunday, June 27, 2004

- **The 22nd Annual SunCom Great American Picnic, Arena Racing USA
Firecracker 40 & Fireworks –** Sunday, July 4, 2004

- **The SunCom Norfolk Jazz Festival –**

Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17

- **SunCom Cinema Under the Stars –**

Each Thursday in August – August 5, August 12, August 19 and August 26

- **The 3rd Annual SunCom Norfolk Seafood Sampler –**

Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19, 2004

- **The 16th Annual SunCom Virginia Children's Festival –**

Saturday, October 2, 2004

- **The 17th Annual SunCom Town Point Virginia Wine Festival –**

Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, 2004

Ocean View Beach Park

- **Big Bands on the Bay –**

Each Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day

- **Shore Thing and Independence Day Celebration**

Friday, July 2

- **T.G.O.V. Thank Goodness It's Ocean View Beach Music Concert Series –**

Each Friday in July and August

**THE CITY OF NORFOLK WELCOMES THE MEXICAN TALL SHIP
*CUAUHTEMOC***

Thursday, June 24 – Tuesday, June 29, 2004

Otter Berth ~ Downtown Waterfront ~ Norfolk, VA

The City of Norfolk will welcome the Mexican Tall Ship *Cuauhtemoc*, on Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Otter Berth at Town Point Park. The public is invited to join the dockside welcome of the *Cuauhtemoc* for her fourth visit to Norfolk.

Cuauhtemoc, one of the newest Tall Ships in the world, was built in 1982 to teach officers, cadets, and boatswains of the Mexican Navy seamanship skills. Her beam length is 39' 4", and her rig height is 140' with over 7,769 square feet of sails. *Cuauhtemoc's* maximum speed reached in sailing navigation is 17 knots.

The public is invited to tour *Cuauhtemoc* on Friday, June 25 through Monday, June 28, 2004. *Cuauhtemoc* departs Norfolk on Tuesday, June 29 for Baltimore, MD, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the *USS Constellation*.

Also that weekend, the 15th Annual SunCom Bayou Boogaloo and Cajun Food Festival will turn Town Point Park on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront into the hottest, spiciest place to be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 25, 26 and 27, 2004.

Admission is \$5 per person per day and children 12 and under are free. A \$10 weekend pass is available with advance online purchase only at www.festeventsva.org. Festival hours are Friday, Noon – 10:00 pm (Free admission during the lunch preview from Noon – 3:00 pm), Saturday, Noon – 10:00 pm and Sunday, Noon – 6:00 pm.

THE CITY OF NORFOLK WELCOMES *THE PORTUGUESE TALL SHIP N.E. SAGRES II*

Thursday, June 24, 2004 - Monday, June 28, 2004

Otter Berth • Downtown Waterfront • Norfolk, VA

Norfolk, VA (February 20, 2004) – The City of Norfolk welcomes the Portuguese Tall Ship *N.E.Sagres II*, on Thursday, June 24, 2004 in the Otter Berth at Town Point Park in Downtown Norfolk. The public is invited to join the dockside welcome of *N.E. Sagres II* for her visit to Norfolk.

N.E. Sagres II was built in 1937 as a naval training ship to replace the original *Sagres*, which was built in 1860. *N.E. Sagres II* is one of five sister ships built at the Blohm and Voss ship yard. Her beam measures 39' 6" and her overall length is 293' 6", which can hold up to 250 people.

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection. The MacArthur Memorial will unveil a new exhibit this March. The exhibit, called From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collections, features Asian art and artifacts drawn from the MacArthur Memorial's permanent collection and provides a rare opportunity to view an eclectic collection of never-before-seen artifacts.

Sponsored by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, the exhibition brings together outstanding examples of indigenous art from East Asia and elegantly demonstrates how the MacArthurs played a role in the lives of well known historical figures.

Highlights include an array of Philippine wood sculptures, cloisonné, beautifully painted screens, antique ivory figures, lacquered chests and other objects d'art. In addition, a collection of Kutani, Imari, Celadon and Satsuma porcelain will be featured.

From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection will run until February 28, 2005.

The MacArthur Memorial is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 11am to 5pm. The museum is closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free. For more information, call 757.441.2965 or visit macarthurmemoial.org

HERMITAGE FOUNDATION

PRINTING ON CLAY - A ONE DAY WORKSHOP - For the experienced artist who is interested in combining the fascinating medias of clay and printmaking. The class will involve demonstrations in silkscreen printing and low fire print on clay from computer generated images. A supply list will be sent on registration.. June 6, 1-5 p.m..

Please call (757)423-2052 for details and registration.
Or visit www.hermitagefoundation.org

Space is limited to 6, so sign up now.

LIBRARIES

Library Inspires Philosophical Thoughts in Teens with Club- The Socrates Cafe'.

Believing, like Socrates that the "unexamined life is not worth living," St. Leo University philosophy professor Rebecca Hubble is facilitating a philosophy club for kids at Lafayette Branch Library. Many middle school students are flocking to this new exciting program and gaining critical thinking skills that will help them cope in today's world.

The group has pondered many philosophical questions and taken journeys through discussions. Topics discussed have ranged from truth and wisdom to traditions and friendship. The group meets Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Lafayette Branch Library at 441-2842.

Van Wyck's Used Book Sale. Summer, vacations, and beach trips are right around the corner. The Van Wyck Used Book Sale is in June. Don't miss the opportunity to pick up a few bargain books to read this summer. The sale is from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, June 18 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 19.

Adult paperbacks sale for \$1:00 to 2:00 dollars and children paperbacks for as little as 50 cents. Hardcover children books are only \$1.00 and adult hardcovers will cost \$3.00. Van Wyck Branch Library is located at 1368 DeBree Avenue in Norfolk. For more information, please call 441-2844 or visit the library's web site at www.npl.lib.va.us.

Free Summer Fun for All: Step to the Beat Summer Reading Club. The school year is quickly coming to a close. Right about now, parents are wondering what they will do with their children this summer. A great place to take kids, and it's absolutely FREE, is your local public library. As a trusted institution, the Norfolk Public Library has long played an important role in the community. It provides a multitude of services and programs for children popular program is the summer reading club.

In addition to offering free fun, the summer reading has three known benefits:

- It develops life-long reading habits.
- It helps maintain literacy levels.
- It encourages pleasure reading among children.

Research has shown that many children experience learning losses over the summer break when they are not exposed to educational activities. This is known as the "summer slide." John Hopkins Center for Summer Learning conducted a study showing that, "a conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year." This time could have been spent on learning new ideas and skills.

Visits to the library for recreational reading can help children retain what they've learned during the school year. It may stop them from losing ground over the summer break.

Step to the Beat . . . Read is the theme for this summer. The Norfolk Public Library has planned nine weeks of reading, great activities, crafts, special performers and LOTS OF FUN. The program will run from June 28 to August 28.

Members of the summer reading club receive a reading passport and can collect weekly stamps for reading. In addition, readers will receive:

- Cool weekly reading incentives.
- Chances to enter weekly drawings.
- For every 20 minutes of reading time in the library, kids receive a sandal cutout to add to the "Wall of Readers."

All programs are FREE and open to the public. More information on the summer reading club is available at your local library.

National Endowment for the Humanities Awards Horace C. Downing Branch Books on Courage. In April Horace C. Downing was awarded 15 classic books from the first We the People Bookshelf sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Only 500 schools and local libraries throughout the country received this award. This year's bookshelf theme is "courage."

The *We the People Bookshelf* enables younger readers to examine the meaning of courage from many perspectives. The books chosen inspire readers with stories of characters, real and fictional, who demonstrated personal courage when faced with difficult situations in uncertain times.

This award is part of the Endowment's We the People initiative, which supports projects that strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

The *We the People Bookshelf* on "courage" contains the following books:

- **Grades K-3:** The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz, Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott, and Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig.

- **Grades 4-6:** The Matchlock Gun by Walter D. Edmonds, The Dream Keeper and Other Poems by Langston Hughes, My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George, and Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder.
- **Grades 7-8:** Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass, and The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkein.
- **Grades 9-12:** The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane, Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison, Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain, and To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

Free Programs-June 2004

Thursday, June 3

- **Family Night Program.** 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 3. Come enjoy the warm weather with fun and crafts for the whole family. Age Groups: Family, All Ages. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330. Free

Saturday, June 26

- **Summer Reading Club '04 Kick Off Program Featuring Magician Paul Krendl!.** 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 26. Come One! Come All! Everyone's Invited! There's Magic in the air today as Krendl entertains us with his hilarious and amazing magic. The Magic of Krendl involving lots of audience participation will surely make for an enchanting and captivating experience. Age Groups: Family, All Ages. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751. Free

Monday, June 28

- **Mega Movie Afternoon.** 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 28. Come see what is showing on the small screen at Park Place! Age Groups: School Age, Teens, Family, All Ages. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330. Free
- **Step to the Beat.** 3:00 p.m., Monday, June 28. Join us as we kick off our Summer Reading Club with live entertainment, games, and prizes as we "Step to the Beat" for the summer. Age Groups: All Ages. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852. Free
- **STEP to the Beat – Read.** Monday, June 28 – Saturday, August 28. Grab your reading passport and join us any day throughout the summer for crafts, activities, programs, prizes and more in our Step to the Beat Summer Reading Club. All

branches of the Norfolk Public Library. For more information, contact your local branch or call 757- 664-7323. Free

Tuesday, June 29

- **Amazing Fun with a beat.** Amazing Fun will run Monday through Saturday beginning Tuesday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m. Step to the beat during our craft hour with checkers, bead designing, clay sculpture, paper crafts and more. Age Groups: School Age, Family. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852. Free

Wednesday, June 30

- **"Topsy Turvy Terri's" Tribute to Dr. Seuss!.** 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 30. Terri's interpretation of Dr. Seuss stories and her silly antics, quick wit, and high energy make for a fun filled program with plenty of audience participation and surprises. Age Groups: Family, All Ages. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751. Free
- **A Day in the Life of Therapy Pets.** 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 30. When you love and care for your pet, he/she will do the same for you and others---from kids to the elderly in nursing homes. Come meet Lee Hussey and some of her two-legged and four- legged friends. Age Groups: School Age. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843. Free
- **Irish Folk Music and Dancers!.** 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 30. Irish jigs and reels will be performed by the fantastic dancers from The Reel Thing Dance Academy. Age Groups: Family, All Ages. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660. Free

NAUTICUS

Maritime "Maniacs" Wanted For Nauticus' New Kids Club

Club members can enjoy exciting science topics, special tours, giveaways, games, and more!

Are you a kid between the ages of 8 and 12, who wants free giveaways, enjoys special tours of Nauticus, and likes hanging out with other kids who like science? Then Nauticus' new Maritime Mania Club is for you!

Presented in partnership with Radio Disney AM 1650, the Maritime Mania Club will meet the fourth Saturday of each month from February through June from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Each month the Club “Maniacs” will explore exciting themes including the science of roller coasters, buildings, boats, sound, and crocodiles and reptiles. Radio Disney also will be on hand each month with refreshments, games and activities. Plus, “Maniacs” who attend all five sessions will receive a special gift from Radio Disney and Nauticus!

Club benefits include a Maritime Mania Club card, make-n-take activities, free tours of selected Nauticus exhibits and behind-the scenes areas, free activities with Radio Disney, giveaways, and more.

Hurry! Space is limited to only 20 kids and their parents. The club fee for all five sessions is \$40 for nonmembers or \$30 for Nauticus members (fee is for one child and one parent who are expected to participate and assist in all activities).

Call (757) 664-1010 for more information or to register.

Spring/Summer Hours. Nauticus is now open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Traveling Exhibits

May 22 through September 6, 2004

When Crocodiles Ruled. Take a trip 60 million years in the past to find out what the world was like after dinosaurs became extinct — a world ruled by 40-foot crocodiles, prehistoric primates, and underwater predators!

When Crocodiles Ruled Events

Saturday, May 22, 8:30 – 10 a.m.

When Crocodiles Ruled Member Opening. Join us for free giveaways, educational programs, face painting, and more. Call (757) 664-1014 for reservations.

Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m.

When Crocodiles Ruled Public Opening. Join us for free giveaways (while supplies last), educational programs, face painting and balloon animals by “Daisy the Clown” and more. The highlight of the day will be **Crocs Rock**—presented at 1 & 3 p.m.—where you can see a real crocodile (see below)!

Saturday, May 22, 1 & 3 p.m.

Crocs Rock! Come see a real live 2-foot Cuban crocodile or 3-foot Nile crocodile plus and American Alligator to celebrate the opening of *When Crocodiles Ruled*! Michael Shwedick with Reptile World has introduced America to the fascinating world of reptiles since 1970. One of America’s leading reptile wildlife educators, Michael’s program gives audiences the opportunity to meet an interesting selection of live, large, colorful, and gentle reptiles from all over the world. Each show is limited to 350 attendees.

Programs & Events

May (all month)

10th Anniversary Celebration. Visit Nauticus and register to win one of 10 four-packs of tickets to Nauticus! No ticket purchase is required to enter.

Pre-School & After School Programs

Tuesday, May 25; 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Extreme Science Explorers After School Program (1st – 4th graders). Have a blast during this fun and educational program featuring the science of astronomy!

Wednesday, May 26; 2 p.m.

Pre-School Science Adventures. (ages 2 – 5) Spend a fun, educational and interactive hour with your child during this innovative education program. Geared towards children ages two to five, each program is designed to help develop large and fine motor skills and teach some basic science concepts. Activities include story time, a craft activity, game, interactive science experiment and a guided tour of a Nauticus exhibit.

Thursday, May 27; 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Science Navigators After School Program (5th – 8th graders). Be a stargazer for the afternoon in this hands-on program that explores the science astronomy!

The registration fee for Nauticus' after school programs is \$8 per child, per session; \$70 per semester. Nauticus members: \$6 per child, per session; \$50 per semester. Adults are free. Reservations are recommended, as space is limited to 15 children per program. For more information, please call (757) 664-1044.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Are you interested in presenting science demonstrations or interpreting hands-on exhibits? If the answer is "yes," then Nauticus has an opportunity for you! Or maybe you just enjoy meeting and interacting with people. If so, then volunteering at Nauticus might be for you. We have positions available weekdays and weekends in the Administration, Aquarium, Gift Shop, Visitor Services, Cruise Support and Education Departments. To learn more about joining the Nauticus team as a volunteer, contact Nancy Sorg at 664-1043 or nancy.sorg@norfolk.gov

We are interested in adults, college students and high school/home school students who are at least 14 years old.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

NLS – Aquatic News

Hot weather starting to getting to you? Enjoy the refreshing aquatic recreation opportunities offered by the City of Norfolk Department of Neighborhood & Leisure Services (NLS):

- **Swimming Lessons Sign-ups**
Registration for swimming lessons at Northside and Huntersville Pools will be held Saturday, June 5, 2004 at 7:30 a.m. These classes fill up FAST – Don't Miss Out!
- **Berkeley and Chesterfield Pools Schedule:**
The seasonal pools at Berkeley and Chesterfield will begin the season on Friday June 14 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. These hours will be in effect until July 1, 2004. Expanded pool hours will begin July 1, 2004, call centers for more detailed information.

Senior Activities at Southside Senior Center

Enjoy early summer blooms at the Botanical Gardens - June 11, 2004 - 10:30 a.m.
A trip to Williamsburg Pottery - June 16, 2004 - 9:00 a.m.
June 18, 2004 Fathers day Program -12:00 noon
June 25, 2004 Mid-Year Birthday Celebration - 1:00 p.m.

All start times depart from Southside Senior Center. Please call Barbara Dalton. 664-6484 if you have any questions or concerns.

Visual Arts Division

Art Show! Over 45 beautiful oil paintings by adult artists studying under the tutelage of Ed Stubblefield, will be featured in the latest Visual Arts show at Bayview Recreation Center on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 from 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. and at Tarrallton Recreation Center on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Stubblefield has inspired and instructed adult artists in the Neighborhood & Leisure Services Visual Arts Program for over 20 years.

Admission to the art show is free and open to the public

NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Help Clean Virginia's Waterways

16th Annual Clean the Bay Day, Saturday, June 12th, 8am-Noon

Last year, more than 73 Tons of trash removed from Bay waters and shoreline during 2003 Clean the Bay Day.

From Hampton Roads to Virginia's Eastern Shore and Mason Neck State Park in Fairfax County, more than 4,500 volunteers removed more than 146,000 pounds of debris from 197 miles of state waterways during the 15th Annual Clean the Bay Day.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation and its partner localities are seeking volunteers for the 16th Annual Clean the Bay Day, Saturday, June 12, 2004 from 9am-12noon. It's a great opportunity for individuals, families and groups to help clean up debris from waterways across Virginia. Boaters, divers and landlubbers are welcome.



Shoreline litter is washed from roadways into storm drains that carry it to creeks, rivers and the Bay. In addition to being a public eyesore and nuisance, it can be harmful to fish and wildlife. Litter and debris also can clog wetlands and reduce their effectiveness as buffers from runoff and as shelter for wildlife. Marine debris such as oil drums, abandoned boats and old engines can be hazards to boaters and swimmers.

What to wear: hard sole, closed-toe shoes and clothes appropriate to weather conditions and site conditions. Long pants and long sleeved-shirts are recommended for rough terrain, brambles, etc. Ask your City Coordinator or Zone Captain for advice.

What to bring: work gloves, a hat, water, sunscreen, bug spray, and allergy medication (if you have allergies to bee stings, etc).

**Become a better steward of
the Chesapeake Bay and
SIGN UP TODAY TO
CLEAN A SITE IN NORFOLK!**

Contact 441-1347

Be a Green Reader!

During the Great American Cleanup, the Norfolk Environmental Commission will once again offer *The Green Reader Program*. Throughout the month of April, in honor of the

Great American Cleanup and Earth Day, volunteer readers will visit Norfolk classrooms and narrate one of several short stories to students. The list of books includes (but is not limited to) *The Wartville Wizard*, by Don Madden and Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*.

The Norfolk Environmental Commission is looking for volunteers to help with *The Green Reader Program*. If you or someone you know would like to donate an hour of your time to this important effort and be a reader, contact our Environmental Educator, Holly Carson, at 441-1347 or holly.carson@norfolk.gov. We look forward to reading with you!

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A "Special Olympics Swim Team" organized in Norfolk! The NLS Aquatics Unit proudly announces the "Norfolk Nemo's" a Special Olympics Swim Team. The Nemo's practice on every Tuesday at the Northside Pool, located at 8400 Tidewater Drive, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The program will run until June 30, 2004. There is no age requirement, only a desire to swim! For further information, please contact Coach Richard Hahn at rhahn@tomorrowworld.com

MAY, JUNE & JULY

Bayview Recreation Center (441-1626)

Red, White and Blue Day, 7:30 am, ages 5-12, Monday, June 14

Father and Child All Sports Night, 5:00 p.m., all ages, Friday, June 18

Community Cookout, 3:00 p.m., all ages, Friday, July 23

Berkley Recreation Center (441-1912)

Ice Cream Social, 4:00 pm, ages 5-12, Friday, June 4

"End of School" Dance, 7:00 pm, ages 11-17, Friday, June 18, \$3 admission fee

Campostella Recreation Center (441-1974)

Father's Day Card Making, 3:00 pm, ages 5-12, Friday, June 18

4th of July Barbecue, 2:00 pm, ages 5-17, Friday, July 2

Captain's Quarters (441-1715)

"End of School" Cookout", 3:00 pm, ages 5-17, Thursday, June 10

CAMP WILLOUGHBY OPENS, June 21 through September 3, 2004

Contact the center for all the exciting details!

Crossroads Recreation Center (441-1769)

“End of School” Party, 4:00 pm, ages 5-12, Friday, June 11
Kick Ball Tournament, 9:00 am, ages 8-12, Wednesday, July 14

East Ocean View (441-1785)

Father/Son Softball Game, 10:00 am, all ages, Saturday, June 5

Fairlawn Recreation Center (441-5670)

Flag Day, 5:00 pm, ages 5-12, Friday, June 11
“Open House”, 10:00 am, all ages, Saturday, June 26
4th of July Celebration, 12:00 pm, all ages, Friday, July 2
Baseball District Tournament, 6:00 pm, all ages, Tuesday through Monday, July 13-19,
Call the center for the details!

Huntersville Recreation Center (664-7434)

Memorial Day Service, 12:00pm, ages senior adults, Tuesday, May 25
3 Point Shoot-Out, 5:00 pm, ages 13-17, Thursday, June 10
Pre 4th of July Celebration, 12:00 pm, all ages, Friday, July 2
Read Aloud to Someone, 12:00 pm, all ages, Monday, July 5

Ingleside Recreation Center (441-5675)

Memorial Day Honoring, 4:30pm, ages 5-12, Friday, May 28
Karaoke Fun Day, 4:00 pm, ages 5-12, Tuesday, June 1
Father’s Day Card, 4:00 pm, ages 5-12, Friday, June 11
Independence Day Cookout, 2:30 pm, ages 5-16, Friday, July 2
Teen Spade Tournament, 3:00 pm, ages 13-17, Friday, July 9

Larchmont Recreation Center (441-5675)

Nubian Mindz Collection, 1:00 pm, ages 16-18, Monday through Friday, July 5-9
Hugo Owens African-American Art Camp, 11:30 am, ages 5-14, Tuesday, July 20

Merrimack Recreation Center (441-1783)

Flag Day Crafts, 4:00 pm, ages 5-12, Monday, June 14
“End of School” Cookout, 4:00 pm, all ages, Friday, June 18
4th of July Celebration, 4:00 pm, all ages, Friday, July 2

Norview Recreation Center (441-5836)

Norview Community Reunion, 12:00pm, all ages, Saturday, May 22
Adult and Teen 3 on 3 Tournament, 6:30 pm, ages 13 and up, Wednesday, June 2

Park Place Recreation Center (664-7531)

Park Place Reunion, 12:00pm, all ages, Saturday, May 29

“End of School” Cookout, 4:00 pm, ages 5-18, Thursday, June 17
4th of July Celebration, 10:00 am, ages 5-17, Friday, July 2

Sherwood Recreation Center (441-5824)

Father/Son Breakfast, 9:00 am, all ages, Saturday, June 5
Pre 4th of July Cookout, 2:00 pm, all ages, Friday, July 2
Spaghetti Night, 7:00 pm, all ages, Wednesday, July 28, \$3 per plate

Tarrallton Recreation Center (441-1765)

Flag Day, 7:30 am, ages 5-12, Monday, June 14
Father’s Day Celebration, 5:00 pm, ages 5-17, Tuesday, June 15
4th of July Celebration, 10:30 am, ages 5-17, Thursday, July 1
Mr. Muscle and Ms. Playground Fashion Show, 5:00 pm, ages 5-17, Thursday, July 8

Therapeutic Recreation Center, 180 East Evans Street, Norfolk, VA 23503. In June 2004, the Therapeutic Recreation Center will be adding Children's Programs!! These programs are open to children with disabilities ages 6-14 years old. Classes are offered in 5-week sessions at the cost of \$15 per session. Programs will include: "Fun on the Town", "Craftin' Creations", "Kick Up Your Heels", and "Game It Up." Parents need to call the center and set up a time for their child to come in for an assessment before signing up for classes. Summer Registration starts on Friday, May 28, 2004 at 9:00am for the Therapeutic Recreation Center. If you have any questions regarding this program or would like to schedule an assessment for your child, feel free to call the Therapeutic Recreation Center at 441-1764.

Oceanview Senior Center Activities

Regular Events:

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

SCHOONER VIRGINIA PROJECT

Downtown Dock Party Schedule for 2004

Capt. Robert C. Glover III, Executive Director, is pleased to announce that due to public demand the VMHF will be hosting its second season of DOWNTOWN DOCK PARTIES at the Pilot Schooner *Virginia* Shipyard from 5PM – 8PM. Family friendly, free and open to the public, Downtown Dock Parties feature live entertainment, historic re-enactments, food and grog.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to tour the shipyard and see the 122ft. Pilot Schooner *Virginia* under construction! The Shipyard, located in parking lot “D” at Harbor Park in Norfolk’s historic downtown. Dates for the 2004 Downtown Dock Party season:

- June 4 (theme: Caribbean Celebration)
- July 9 (theme: All American Independence Day)
- August 13 (theme: TBD)
- September 3 (theme: TBD)
- October 1 (theme: TBD)

Capt. Robert C. Glover, III, Executive Director, (757) 627-7400, execdir@schoonervirginia.org For further information on volunteering, in-kind donations, sponsorships, or memberships, please call the VMHF office at (757) 627-7400 or visit our webpage at www.schoonervirginia.org.

Virginia Maritime Heritage Foundation Schooner Virginia Project 5000 World Trade Center Norfolk, VA 23510 www.schoonervirginia.org

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Green Thumb Gardening Series: Plant a Personal Paradise. Learn about **Garden Site Analysis and Garden Color** to create a personal paradise at this week’s Green Thumb Gardening class sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension’s Master Gardener

Volunteers. Tuesday night, May 25, at the Norfolk Public Health Center. Time is 6:45 until 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for the 7 week series.

Master Gardener Volunteers are trained by Virginia Cooperative Extension and they learn how to garden from the experts at Virginia Tech and Virginia State Universities. They can teach you methods that work. For more information and registration call Chesapeake Virginia Cooperative Extension at 382-6348.

ZOO

Virginia Zoo, 3500 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23504
(757) 441-2374 www.virginiazoo.org

Admission: Adults: \$6.00; Sr. Citizens: \$5.00; Children (ages 2-11): \$4.00. Under 2 is free. Open daily from 10:00 – 5:00

Zoo members always free.

Camp Out at the Zoo! (Ages 6 & up)

May 22, 2004 and July 10, 2004

6:00 PM - 10:00 AM

Bring your own tent and sleeping bag for a fun-filled night of camping under the stars at the Virginia Zoo. Prepare for an evening of meeting animals, touring the zoo, and roasting marshmallows! This event is for families with children ages 6 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required.

2nd Annual Virginia Zoo Bike Rally *NEW!* (All Ages)

You can "Ride on the Wild Side" on June 12th!

The event kicks off at 2:30 p.m. with a motorcycle ride beginning either at Southside Harley in Virginia Beach, Hampton Roads Harley in Hampton, or Bayside Harley Davidson in Portsmouth, ending at your Virginia Zoo, complete with a motorcycle display and competition and a live concert featuring The Blue Lords at 2:00 p.m. This year Thrursa Crittenden of Cox Media and LaSalle Blanks of WVEC-13 will be the co-Grand Marshalls of the event.

Door prizes and giveaways will be offered throughout the day as well as prizes and trophies for the winners of various categories. Last year there were over 180 bikers. This year, the Virginia Zoo is looking to double that number. All bikers can pre-register at Southside Harley or the Virginia Zoo offices before June 5 and receive a cool T-shirt.

Cost for Ride: \$15 per person, after June 5 \$20 per person

Cost to enter Bike Competition: \$5 (enter when you arrive). Prices include a picnic, admission to Virginia Zoo and the concert.

Don't forget!! Enter your chance to win one of the many fabulous prizes from Harley Davidson and other sponsors! The winning tickets will be drawn at the event. Prizes TBA. Silent Auction at the event. Call (757) 441-2374 ext. 234 for more information.

Summer Safari 2004 UPDATE!

Your child's summer can sizzle with an exciting week of animal-related activities, games and fun. One-on-one animal interactions will drive the desire to explore and experience the world of nature in your Virginia Zoo's Summer Safari Camps.

Included in the camp fees, every camper will receive a Summer Safari T-shirt. Classes will break each day for snacks and drinks provided by us. Full day campers need to bring their own bag lunches. Dress appropriately for outdoor activities, rain or shine.

Fees:

VZS members (price per child):

Half Day Camps: \$90.00 per week

Full Day Camps: \$160.00 per week

Non-Members (price per child):

Half Day Camps: \$115.00 per week

Full Day Camps: \$185.00 per week

Extended Care*: \$75.00 per week per child

***Extended Care is for full day campers only.**

Day Camp Time:

Half Day Camps: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Full Day Camps: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Extended Care: Before-care: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM; After-care: 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Dates:

*Ages as of April 1, 2004. This is a new policy from last year. A copy of your child's birth certificate for proof of age will be required the first day of camp.

Ages 4 & 5: Half Day Camps*

June 21 - June 25: Hop, Trot & Waddle

June 28 - July 2: Crazy Color Safari

July 12 - July 16: Here, There & Everywhere

July 19 - July 23: Once Upon a Zoo

July 26 - July 30: Hop, Trot & Waddle

July 26 - July 30: Once Upon a Zoo

August 2 - August 6: Crazy Color Safari

August 2 - August 6: Here, There & Everywhere

August 9 - August 13: Here, There & Everywhere

August 9 - August 13: Hop, Trot & Waddle

August 16 - August 20: Once Upon a Zoo

Ages 6 & 7: Half Day Camps*

June 21 - June 25: Wildlife Watchers

August 16 - August 20: Wildlife Watchers

Ages 6 & 7: Full Day Camps*

June 28 - July 2: Camp Creepy Crawler

July 19 - July 23: From the Ground Up

July 26 - July 30: Creature Comforts

August 9 - August 13: From the Ground Up

Ages 8 & 9: Half Day Camps*

June 21 - June 25: Wildlife Watchers

August 16 - August 20: Wildlife Watchers

Ages 8 & 9: Full Day Camps*

July 12 - July 16: From the Ground Up

August 2 - August 6: Going the Distance

Ages 10 & 11: Full Day Camp*

July 12 - July 16: Going the Distance

Ages 12, 13 & 14: Full Day Camp*

June 28 - July 2: Conservation Equation

Girl Scout Brownies

(Register through GSCCC 547-4005 ext 283)

June 28 - July 2

Topics:

Hop, Trot and Waddle (Ages 4 & 5)

What is all of this commotion about motion? Jump in as we discover where animals are going and how they get there.

Crazy Color Safari (Ages 4 & 5)

Rainbows of living colors decorate our world. Some colors help hide while others stand out in a crowd. Come explore this colorful world of the animals.

Here, There and Everywhere (Ages 4 & 5)

Whether you look under a rock or in the highest tree, animals can be found making their homes in some of the strangest places.

Once upon a Zoo (Ages 4 & 5)

Discover incredible animal friends as we travel through beastly tales of fun and fantasy.

Wildlife Watchers (Ages 6 & 7 and Ages 8 & 9)

From zookeepers to botanists to research biologists, the fields relating to wildlife abound. Be a part of a world that revolves around nature.

Camp Creepy Crawler (Ages 6 & 7)

Spend a week finding out why those "less than cuddly" animals can be the coolest critters of all!

From the Ground Up (Ages 6 & 7 and Ages 8 & 9)

Whether beneath the ground or in the tips of the tallest tree, all of life is bound together by the invisible threads of the food web. Join us as we crawl through the web of life and discover the ties that bind.

Creature Comforts (Ages 6 & 7)

Do you like to swim when it's really hot? Bundle up when it's really cold? Come find out how each animal is uniquely designed to be comfy and cozy in their homes wherever they may live.

Going the Distance (Ages 8 & 9 and Ages 10 & 11)

Where are the animals of old? What are these creatures that are alive today? Come take a walk on the animal timeline as we take the mysteries out of ancestry.

Conservation Equation (Ages 12, 13, & 14)

Have you ever wondered how you can make a difference? Join us and start making a difference! We will show you how.

Cub Club (Ages 2-3)

Explore the world of animals as a member of your Virginia Zoo's Cub Club. You and your child will learn about nature as we nurture a love of animals through a variety of activities including games, crafts, stories, songs and, always, animal encounters. Choose a single date or one per month. Each month is a new adventure into the amazing world of animals. This program is specifically designed for caregiver/child interaction so an adult is expected to attend, no siblings please. Pre-registration is required.

(757) 441-2374 ext. 229 or www.virginiazoo.org

Cost per Kids adventure:

VZS members: \$8 per child/caregiver pair;
Non-members: \$14 per child/caregiver pair.

Adventure Times:

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Dates:

May - Pretty Patterns

Wednesday, May 5

Monday, May 10

Saturday, May 15

Thursday, May 27

June - Watch Out!

Wednesday, June 2

Monday, June 7

Thursday, June 17

Saturday, June 19

Kritter Kids (Ages 4-5)NEW!

Take a step-up into a more in-depth look at animals as a Kritter Kids member. You and your child will delve into the mysterious world of animals through various activities and animal encounters! Come for a one-time adventure or join us monthly as new topics are explored! This program is specifically designed for caregiver/child interaction so an adult is expected to attend, no siblings please. Pre-registration is required.

Cost per Kids adventure:

VZS members: \$12 per child/caregiver pair;

non-members: \$18 per child/caregiver pair.

Adventure Times:

Wednesdays: 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Dates:

May - Pretty Patterns

Saturday, May 15 - OPEN

Wednesday, May 19 - OPEN

June - Watch Out!

Wednesday, June 9 - OPEN

Saturday, June 19 - OPEN

Zoo Snoozes--Camp Out at the Zoo!

May 22, 2004 and July 10, 2004

6:00 PM - 10:00 AM

Bring your own tent and sleeping bag for a fun-filled night of camping under the stars at the Virginia Zoo. Prepare for an evening of meeting animals, touring the zoo, and roasting marshmallows! Wake up in the morning to a continental breakfast and some fun animal activities. This event is for families with children ages 6 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Cost:

VZS members: \$30 per person per night

Non-members: \$40 per person per night

** Pre-registration and payment required!!

Organizational Snoozes

Available year-round on available Friday and Saturday nights from 6:00 PM to 10:00 AM

Bring your organization out to spend an evening of adventure behind the scenes at your Virginia Zoo! Activities include a live animal presentation, a flashlight tour of the zoo, a behind-the-scenes visit with the animals, wildlife games and crafts. A light breakfast is provided in the morning.

Organizational Snooze programs may be customized to fit the needs of your group. For more details and available dates, call 757-441-2374 ext. 229 or www.virginiazoo.org

Cost:

30 maximum/12 minimum paid participants

\$25 per person

Additional Adults \$12.50

Keeper of the Day Program

Have you ever wondered what it's like to have the privilege of taking care of the incredible animals at the zoo? Here's your chance to find out! Keepers play one of the most important roles in the zoo...they are researchers, veterinarians, dietitians, trainers, and sanitation engineers, all rolled into one! Come learn what it takes to fill this important and challenging roll and why this career is so highly competitive. You will be preparing diets, cleaning exhibits, learning about our animals, and meeting our keepers. Dress appropriately for the weather and to get dirty! You will be choosing one of our 6 Strings, which include:

String 1: Barn, Education animals, and Goat yard

String 2: Nocturnals, Primates, and Tsodilo Hills

String 3: Elephant and Giraffe

String 4: Hoofstock, bison, bongo, red river hogs

String 5: Reptiles, eagle, bird of prey

String 6: Rhino, zebra, lions, tigers

Who: Age 15 and older

Program Fee: \$50 per person

*All proceeds from this program will go to The Virginia Zoo Keeper Fund, which will be used for behavioral enrichment items for our animals and further training for our animal keeper staff.

Please e-mail us at education@virginiazoo.org for more information.